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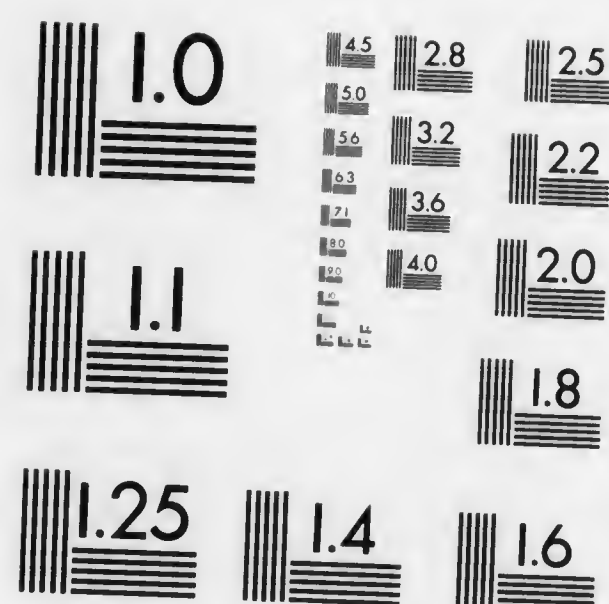
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July 22, 1929

Dear Ed:

Thanks for yours of the 15th which I expect crossed my last to you. It certainly is a good thing that you could get away from Washington during the great heat and retire to such a delightful place as John Burnhams must be, and that you can spend a little time in the northern Adirondacks before returning south.

Your advice to Mrs. S that she consult Chapman strikes me as admirable and I regret that I did not think of it myself. However, now the matter seems to be settled satisfactorily.

The great haste for my 'Foreword' strikes me as a trifle amusing inasmuch as the book will not be printed until next year.

The cast on Elizabeth's leg was taken off ten days ago but she is not able to move about much more freely and cannot put any weight on that leg. A surgeon whom I had come up from San Francisco Saturday finds everything in reasonable shape, in view of the seriousness of the accident, but warns us not to expect any rapid gain in the way of ability to walk. She must go on crutches for a long time yet and must avoid putting weight on the lame leg.

The temperature here is much like that in the Adirondacks except that the thermometer probably does not reach so high a maximum, the daily range averaging from the 40's at night to 70 or 74 at midday.

When you go to Marquette give my kindest regards to Mr. and Mrs. Shiras.

Love  
E. H.



July 22, 1929

Mr. M. D. Wadsworth  
Riverside, California

My dear Sir:

The issue of the Oakland Tribune for July 17 carries an illustration of a couple of Indian women bearing a legend that they were registered by you on July 15 at Los Angeles under the tribal names Wah-Nee-Peah-Pa and Ka-Da-Wish.

Can you tell me where these people came from originally and what the correct name of their tribes are? if so, I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Thurnian*

July 22, 1929

Mr. F. A. Graham  
Willow Creek, Calif.

My dear Mr. Graham:

My delay in getting up into your country is due to the fact that my wife is confined to bed most of the time by reason of a broken knee, and can only walk short distances on the level floor with the aid of crutches, so I can't tell just when I will be able to get away. But I shall surely see you later.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Graham,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Thurnian*



July 22, 1929

Mr. W. M. Rush  
Yellowstone Park  
Wyoming

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me an actual photograph of the big buffalo skull concerning which I wrote the Park Naturalist a short time ago.

I am glad to know that the horns are still firmly attached to the horn cores showing that the spread was as great as stated in the published notice. It certainly is a remarkably fine specimen.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 22, 1929

Mr. E. E. Carter  
Forest Service  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me your recent tabular statement of game on the National Forests covering the years 1927 and 1928. This is of much interest to me and I am greatly obliged for it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



July 22, 1929

Judge Fred A. Baker  
Indian Agency  
Sacramento, California

My dear Judge Baker:

Your letter of July 3 from Fort Bidwell reached me duly and I was very glad to know that you will let me obtain the desired information at some time during the first week of August.

I would suggest Monday, August 5, but will be subject to your convenience. If this date does not fall in with your work kindly change it and I will meet you at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

July 24, 1929

Prof. Francis W. Benedict  
Director, Nutrition Laboratory  
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Doctor Benedict:

Your letter of the 15th instant, forwarded from Washington, reaches me at my summer base at Lagunitas, which is in the redwood belt about 20 miles north of San Francisco.

It is very good of you to convey to me the kind remarks of certain foreign naturalists, particularly as in the two recent cases, <sup>the</sup> men being unknown to me personally.

Trusting that you had a successful trip abroad and that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in Washington this fall or winter.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



July 30, 1929

Judge Fred A. Baker  
Calif. Fruit Bldg.  
Sacramento, California

My dear Judge Baker:

Not having heard from you in reply to  
my letter of the 22nd instant I am planning  
to see you at your office on Monday the 5th.

Should this date be inconvenient for  
you, kindly let me know.

Very truly yours,  
*Lyman L. Merriam*

July 30, 1929

Lyman L. Merriam, Executor  
Estate of Julia Bush Merriam  
Ossining, New York

Dear Lyman:

Your letter of July 25 enclosing check on the  
Irving Trust Co. of N.Y. for \$2,000 in payment of the  
bequest to me under the will of Julia Bush Merriam  
came this morning.

It is hardly necessary to add that I am very  
glad to have this and that I appreciate your kindness  
and trouble in the matter, fully realizing that you  
have had a difficult and tedious time in settling  
this estate.

Your aunt Elizabeth's knee is not doing so well  
as we had hoped and she is still in bed most of the  
time, unable to walk even with crutches more than a  
few minutes at a time on level floor, and cannot of  
course step down.

With love to you all,

As ever,  
*Lyman L. Merriam*



July 31, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my Expense Account for July  
1929 amounting to \$54.82; also Voucher for  
Olive L. Lundy, salary for July, \$150.00.

Will you kindly pay as usual from the  
E. H. Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Expense Account for July 1929

June 19	Phoenix Indian School, Sub. <u>Native American</u>	1	1.00
29	Fred Lockley, Portland Ore.: Hist. Del Norte Co. 2.75; Robt. Merry's Museum, Vols. 3 & 4, 1842 3.		5.75
July 1	Canadian Forestry Mag. 1929	2	2.00
1	Underwood Typewriter Co., 1 ribbon	3	1.00
1	Remington Rand, 25 sheets Red Seal Carbon	4	.75
1	H.S. Crocker Co.: 1 900-page copy book 5.70; 1 bottle Clarotype .50; 1 cleaning brush .25; 1 eraser .10; 2 red & blue pencils .20	5	6.75
2	San Rafael: 10 gals gas @ 20¢ 2.00; luncheon (C. Hart Merriam & O. Lundy, Assist) 1.20; auto horn repair 1.00; tire padlock .75		4.95
5	Lagunitas-San Francisco & ret., fare 1.00; street cars .30; meals 1.20		2.50
10	H.S. Crocker Co.: 1 bottle Waterman ink .15; 200 #1 Gem clips .20; 100 #3 Gem clips .10; 100 #1 Owl clips .20; 100 #2 Owl clips .25	6	.90
11	Schwabacher-Frey Co., 3 ball bearing clamps		.30
11	Allen's Press Clippings for June 1929	7	3.00
14	Calif. State Auto. Assoc., Auto License 1929	8	3.50
16	Lagunitas-San Francisco & ret., fare 1.00; street cars .30; lunch .80		2.10
16	Spindler & Sauppe, 1 Leica film developed .50; 16 small enlargements 1.60; postage .12	9	2.22
18	Nature Magazine Aug. 1929, extra copy		.35
18	Field & Stream Aug. 1929 "		.25
19	Marin Service Station: Alemiting car 1.50; changing 10 engine oil (6 qts Mobile A) 2.25		3.75
19	13 gals gas @ 20¢		2.60
19	Schwabacher-Frey Co., 1 desk blotter .10; 1 bottle ink .25; 1 ream paper 1.00	11	1.35
25	6 ball bearing clamps		.60
29	2 desk blotters		.20
	Napa County map		.35
29	Lagunitas-San Francisco & ret., fare 1.00; breakfast on boat .80; street cars .25		2.05
30	15 gals gas @ 20¢		3.00
	Indian Defense Assoc., Santa Barbara		2.50
	50 Stamped envelopes		1.10

54.82

54.82



August 1, 1929

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Your letters of July 24 at hand. You said you were leaving for Flagstaff on July 5 which I interpret to mean August 5--notwithstanding the circumstance that you say you expect to stay there until July 14.

Elizabeth is getting on slowly and has a little more movement of the knee joint, but is still in bed or on the couch nearly all the time. When on crutches she cannot put any weight on the bad leg. This is hard on the other leg and also on the arm and hand that have to push down on the crutch.

I wrote you before that Doctor Bunnell and wife are in Europe. They are expected back after the middle of this month--date uncertain.

Glad that Vernon was to see Crosby again and earn something definite about the whereabouts and distribution and names of the Southern Plate and with which he is acquainted.

You have had a wonderful trip and it is great almost belief that Vernon has at last been able to put so much time into this important field work. He will now be able to get out a report that should be a classic on the zoology, botany, and geographic distribution of the region.

Thanks for the tiny specimens of manzanitas enclosed in your letter. The pungens seems typical so far as my material is concerned, but I have no typical material for comparison. Your little twig of patula is by no means typical. The leaves are too broad for their length, too abruptly spreading at the base and far too circular for the typical form. If the specimen

you sent is typical of the region I should consider it an excellent subspecies. It would be most desirable however to obtain branches with bracts as they are vastly more important than the fruit. You say you sent specimens to Washington. I don't know what good they will do there except as a contribution to the National Herbarium, inasmuch as my manzanita herbarium with the specimens necessary for comparison is here at Lagunitas in a steel file.

Don't forget to let me know what Crosby says about the Southern Plate Indians of that region. I hope I may live long enough to strike two or three bunches of them in person.

About keeping deer away from gardens: the stuff Will Kent recommended to me and which we tried successfully is blood fertilizer which comes tied in gunnysacks. A handful of it stirred into a pail of water and sprayed with an ordinary garden sprayer strikes the deer most unfavorably. They snort and paw, but decline absolutely to come close up. We used it for two or three years but have not bothered with it this year as the deer are doing no particular damage.



August 1, 1929

Col. Geo. W. Stewart  
P. O. Box 1132  
Sacramento, California

Dear Colonel Stewart:

Your letter of yesterday at hand. I have been thinking of you a good many times of late and was on the point of writing you when I thought it might be better to take you by surprise.

This means that I am planning to be in Sacramento the early part of next week and shall of course hunt you up.

Not having seen the July-September number of the American Anthropologist I have not seen your article on the Indian Rock Basins, but shall be mighty glad to read it.

It is good to know that you and Mrs. Stewart will be in San Francisco a few days this summer. We shall hope to see you here.

Mrs. Merriam had hard luck before we left Washington, owing to a fall, and broken kneecap, resulting in a plaster cast reaching from ankle up. The cast is now removed but still she cannot walk except with crutches, and only for a few minutes at most on the flat floor, and cannot yet step down. We are hoping for improvement in the not distant future, but such things are slow.

My particular mission in Sacramento is to get some information from Judge Baker concerning some of the Indians he has been cataloging for the forthcoming census.

So, with kindest regards to you and Mrs. Stewart, until I see you,

As ever yours,

*W. H. Henshaw*



August 2, 1929

Allen's Press Clipping Bureau  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for Nine dollars (\$9.) in  
paymeht for clippings on Indians for months of July, August  
and September, to avoid so many monthly payments.

Kindly send reciept to me at Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

August 2, 1929

Delco Light Co.  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Finally the 13-Cell battery you sent me arrived at San  
Anselmo. I got it yesterday, after several trips over the  
detour while the new concrete is hardening.

But what am I to do with it? It appears as dead as a  
piece of pig iron. I hitched it up to my Delco motor and charged  
it for about ten hours without result. The marble absolutely re-  
fused to rise. Nor does it show any sign of milkiness, whereas  
the other cells bubbled as usual. It acts to me as if filled  
with ordinary water.

Its up to you, is'nt it? I need it badly or I would'nt  
have ordered it.



August 10, 1929

Dear Mr Carew:  
Replying to your letter of the 7th would say that I do not expect to start on any long trips before August 20, and should be glad to see you at any time before then.

Please let me know a few days in advance as I am likely to be away on short trips.

If you drive, you can drive up to the house--the road from San Rafael and San Anselmo to Lagunitas being now in good condition.

If you come by train, I will meet you at Lagunitas station.

Very truly yours,  
Mr Howard D. Carew  
Sierra Madre, California

August 10, 1929

Mr J. M. Watkins  
311 Almand Street  
Ashland, Oregon

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 29, forwarded from Washington, would say that volumes one and two of the <sup>Harriman</sup> Alaska Expedition (the ones containing matter by or about John Muir) were published by Doubleday, Page & Co., but the series --13 volumes in all if I remember correctly-- were later turned over to the Smithsonian to be disposed of. Would advise writing the Secretary Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

John Muir and I were friends for a number of years and he went with me on several of my field trips.

Very truly yours,



August 13, 1929

Delco Light Co.  
Oakland, California

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for the exchanged battery, which arrived safely at San Geronimo and has been put in circuit with the old set.

The one you sent first (uncharged) I have packed in the box the last one came in and am returning by express collect in accord with your instructions.

Very truly yours,



August 17, 1929

Mr George W. Stewart  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Col. Stewart:

It was good to see you and Mrs Stewart with Farquhar and his mother the other day, but not expecting you I forgot (with my usual stupidity) to show you a lot of maps, dictionaries, and vocabularies I wanted you to see. However, there may be another day.

Now, assuming that you have a lot of Sacramento River maps or Land Office plats handy, I want to bother you to locate a few ranches.

Was there a Boyer's place west of Howells Landing (near the Yolo-Colusa County line)? And is there an Indian mound there? *Yes, mound.*

Was there a Col. Hagar's place on west side of river 3 or 4 miles north of Colusa?

Was there a Newland ranch about 3 miles above Colusa?

Was there a Col. Wilkins place on east side of river opposite Colusa?

Was "Morg" Miller's place at Millers Landing? *Yes.*

Was "Ern" Miller's place on west side of river south of Beaver lake about 2 miles SW of Kirkville (air line)? And was Twindall (or Tindall or some such name) Mound there or near?

With best wishes to you both, in which the family join,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

*Don't believe about these if it takes too much time.*

August 20, 1929

Dr Alexander Wetmore  
Acting Secretary  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Wetmore:

This will introduce Sir Frank Coyler of England,  
who is in this country to lecture on dentistry in Chicago,  
Detroit and New York.

He is particularly anxious to examine the teeth of  
certain old skulls in the National Museum and I know you will  
be glad to put him on the right track.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



August 21, 1929

Miss Laura Mills  
Fallon, Nevada

Dear Miss Mills:

A letter just recieved from my sister at Grand Canyon tells that you had started back for Fallon.

I am short handed just now and am wondering if you would think it worth while to come to Lagunitas to help me till your school begins?

I can reinburse you for your railroad expenses and something of course for your time.

If you can come, don't wait to write about details but come right along. Wire me when your train is due in San Francisco. On arriving, go to Sausalito Ferry (in same building) and take boat to Sausalito, where you will find a train for Lagunitas. Would try to meet you in San Francisco but have no idea what you look like--and would be likely to tackle the wrong girl.

Am enclosing a Lagunitas timetable.

Hoping you can come,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

August 23, 1929

Judge Fred A. Baker  
Indian Office  
Sacramento, Calif.

My dear Judge Baker:

Your wire from the north reached me at the Postoffice just as I was starting for Sacramento.

I am now back at Lagunitas and shall be glad to go to Sacramento at your convenience if I know a few days in advance when you can see me.

You must have met some of my old friends among the Indians of the Klamath, Hoopa, and Trinity regions.

Hoping you had a successful trip and enjoyed the scenery and forests,

Very truly yours,



Aug. 28, 1929

Col Geo. W. Stewart  
Sacramento, California

Dear Col Stewart:

Very many thanks for your kindness and promptness in writing about the desired Sacramento River locations.

The material from Will S. Green's History I took out several years ago, but some of his distances are puzzling. For instance, when he puts Tatno 4 miles above Colusa, does he mean in an air line or by the curves of the river--which happen to be deep and tortuous along this part of its course? That's why I asked for the location of Col Hagars land.

<sup>Mrs</sup> Did't Morse slip a cog in putting Ern Miller's place in Sutter County? Sutter is on the east side of the river while Beaver Lake is on the west side, in Yolo County.

Not having heard from Col Baker lately I'm still in the dark as to when I shall go to Sacramento.

With many thanks for your trouble, and with kind regards from us all to Mrs Stewart,

As ever yours,

Aug. 28, 1929

Col Geo W. Stewart  
Sacramento, California

Dear Colonel Stewart:

Two copies of your paper on 'Prehistoric Rock Basins of the Sierra Nevada' have just arrived. I'm glad you sent two copies--so I can file one under Stewart in my author file; the other under California Archeology, in the subject file.

Both copies have the correct text under plates 27 & 28.

You certainly have made an important contribution to archeology, and at the same time have written so interestingly that the paper is a contribution to the literature of California.

Doubtless you have other subjects which you might illumine --so give us some more.

As ever yours,



Aug. 31, 1929.

Mr N.W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of  
August, amounting to \$132.20 which kindly pay as usual  
from the Harriman Fund and oblige

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

There are no other vouchers for August.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California.

Expense Account for August 1929.

August 1929	4	Phone to Stockton		55
	5	RR ret. San Francisco 1.00; Street cars .30; Meals 1.20		2.50
	7	Allen's Press Clippings, Indians, July-Sept. incl.	1 V	9.00
	9	Sausalito-San Francisco ret. .25; Car .35; Meals 1.10		1.70
	12	F. Lockly: Indian Life 1.50; Sheep Eaters Campaign 2.50	2V	4.00
	13	18 gals. en route 3.60; Meals 1.40		5.00
		Vacaville: Change oil & alemite car	3V	3.85
		Pd. 3 Indians (Kachil rancheria) 2.00 Each		6.00
	14	Vacaville Inn, room	4V	2.50
		Meals: Bkfst. & lunch 1.80; Dinner, Casa del Vallejo	1.30	3.10
	15	Hotel room Casa del Vallejo	5V	3.00
		Carquinas Bridge toll (self & car) .75; Richmond Ferry		1.10
			.35	2.40
		12 gals. gas		.35
	17	Sausalito-San Francisco Ferry ret. .25; Street cars	10	1.20
		Lunch .85; Storage .35		5.20
		Louis Weule Co. San Francisco: 39 map sheets	6V	3.60
	19	San Rafael: Alemiting 1.50; change engine oil 2.10		1.60
	22	Repair horn (Dodge car)		.60
		Sausalito-San Francisco ret. .25; Car storage .35		2.20
		Street cars .35; Meals, San Francisco 1.85	7V	5.75
		5 gal. Mobile-A Auto oil		.60
	23	Sausalito-San Francisco Ferry .25; Car storage .35		4.20
		Meals 1.50; Street cars .10; 13 gals gas 2.60		.45
	28	Sausalito-San Francisco Ferry ret. .25; Street cars .20		1.15
		Lunch .80; Car storage .35		
	31	Laura E. Mills, Asst.: Services 8 days @ 4.50, 36.00		58.50
		RR ret. Hazen, Nev.-Lagunitas, 15.00; Pullman 7.50	8V	2.10
		Postage & Stamp Envelopes		
				132.20

---one hundred and thirty-two---

-----twenty-----

132.20

*C. Hart Merriam*  
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Mr Howard Truslow, Secy.  
Lagunitas Improvement Club

Sept. 7, 1929

My dear Sir:

Enclosed is my contribution of five dollars to the fund for re-opening the old road west of the McLaren-Barner hill, as per your communication of the 2d instant.

The reason I have paid nothing to the Improvement Club for the past two years is that nothing has been done to our upper road (so far as I have been able to see) except to pile on a lot of big broken rock each fall or winter--to the ruin-ation of tires--so that I have been obliged to walk over the road several times to heave off the big uncovered rocks.

Very truly yours,

You probably know that the newly opened road west of Bar-ners has two or more highly dangerous abrupt turns at the lower end, just above where it enters the highway.

Sept. 8, 1929

Mr J. P. Harrington  
272 Lane Street  
New Monterey, Calif.

Dear Mr Harrington:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 3d instant. It is greatly appreciated, and I'd jump at the chance to accept your kind invitation if free. But just now I'm trying to get myself together for a trip north with my daughter Zenaida Talbot, so she can go back to her husband. Hope to be back in ten days.

Do you expect to stay at New Monterey much longer?

I'm trying to recover from a rather serious automobile accident. I ran off a high bank down which the car shot for 50 or more feet and then turned over and over the rest of the way. I was taken to a hospital and x-rayed and bandaged with adhesive and am doing fairly well.

You seem to have dug up another gold mine. I am delighted and wish I might join you. But all my San Juan and Monterey vo-cabulary material is in Washington. All I have here is a few names and addresses of Indians (which I will inclose with this) and some old rancheria names from the San Juan Mission Books, and a few odds and ends that may possibly be of use to you.

You of course settled a number of things left vague in my early Hoo-mon-twash work. Was my old woman correct in insisting that Hoo-man-twash was the name of her tribe, and was "Mutsun" the name of the old village?

Unhappily, the names of rancherias and 'tribes' she gave me



are in Washington, as also is the material obtained from the old A-chés-ta and Kah-koon women whom I worked at Monterey, and the few notes I got from Indians at Gilroy.

Doubtless you have secured more definite information about the country of the Esselen. I was told that they lived at or near Jamesburg and Tassajara, and that their chief lived at Aqua Z.

Who were the Yak-shoon of Salt Lagoon about 5 miles north of Monterey? I was told of a Mrs Austin (formerly Priska) at the Laguna, and of Anastacia Garcia at or near Meyers.

Was Wen-yah-ren a village, and to whom did it belong?  
Was "Huelel" Esselen?

I was told that Guadalupe Queras (daughter of Catarina De Sena of San Luis Obispo) lived on the Moore ranch on Carmel River. In 1925 old Onesime Bernabe and family of eight lived in Meadows Ranch Canyon 8 miles south of Carmel. His brother Jose was said to live in Monterey.

At Monterey the Priest, Monsignor R. M. Mestres, knows the Indian families of the region, and was trying to found an Indian village.

At Santa Cruz Mrs Castro and Mrs Trout live several miles beyond the Catholic Cemetery--Mrs Trout perhaps 2 or 3 miles beyond the end of the car line.

At Gilroy Mrs Mary Sanchez (on Monterey Street) seemed to know a good deal but was exceedingly nervous.

A few years ago I talked with a Hoo'-mon-twash woman named Ascencion Cervantes at Chittenden. She was the daughter of old Barbara who lived and died at San Juan some years ago.

At the risk of duplicating what you may already have, I'm giving you the following names of rancherias from the San Juan Bautista Mission Books:

Absayme, Absayme	Poytoquix
Aeystarca	Suricuzama
Ausaima	Tamarox
Chapana	Teboltac
Echanta	Thithirii
Giguay	Tipisastac
Guachurron	Trutca
Mitaldejama	Unijaima
Mutsun	Xisca (Xixcaca)
Pagssines (at Paigines San Benito Co)	Yelmus
Pouxonoma	Ysley (San Juan Bautista)
Popeloutehom (Orextace)	

It appears that we have at least four names for San Juan Bautista or its immediate neighborhood, namely: Hoo'-mon-twash, Mutsun, Popeloutehom, and Ysley. Can your admirable informant straighten these out? If so, I'd be glad to know the result.

The Santa Cruz Mission Books contain the following, attributed to San Juan: Achachipe, Aren, Chipuetac, Chitita, Guaranieac, Locobo, Morostaecaplie, Pitac, Talac, Tomoi, Tutun.

*With best wishes for completion of your splendid work.*  
*Very truly yours,*  
*Edward A. Mearns*



Have just found another sheet of notes for the Monterey, Salinas Valley and Esselen regions--probably nothing new to you--and most of the names from Taylor, which I suspect you have with you. However, just on the chance, I'm sending his Esselen names along.

ESSELEN RANCHERIA NAMES from Taylor

Chachat	Saponet
Echilat	Soccorondo
Ekgiagan (several spellings)	Tebityilat
Fuyles (Fyules)	Tushguesta
Gilimis	Kaseum
Jappayon	Xumis
Nannequi	Yempas
Noptac	Yanostas
Pachhepes	Yumanagan

Besides these I find a few Monterey-Santa Cruz-Salinas names which I'll send along if you want them, also mainly from Taylor and therefore doubtless with you. Guayusta is given as at Pt Pinos near Monterey,

For place names, rivers, mts and so on you had better get, unless you already have them, the following Geol. Survey mapsheets or "Quadrangles": Capitola, Monterey, Point Sur, Morgan Hill, San Juan Bautista, Salinas, Jamesburg, Lucia, Hollister, Gonzales, Soledad, and Junipero Serra.

If you are going to work the Ennesen of Milpitas Valley at the head of North Fork San Antonio River, you will want the following: Junipero Serra Peak (Santa Lucia Mts.), King City, Jolon, & Bry

Some of the Dealers in San Francisco who carry the U.S. Geological Survey map sheets or 'Quadrangles'.

Louis Weule Co, 6 California St

Geo E. Butler, 356 Calif St

Isaac Upham Co, 510 Market St

Neal, Stratford & Kerr, 521 Market

Edward Denny Co, 674 Sacramento St



Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 1, 1929

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account, with accompanying subvouchers, for the month of September, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund. Covering the cost of repair of the wrecked Dodge car, and the railroad trip from California to Washington, it is of unusual size, amounting to five hundred, twenty eight dollars and 89 cents. Kindly overlook the poor way in which it is typed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

See also files 35-36

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, Dc

Expense Account for September 1929

of C. Hart Merriam & asst Z.M. Talbot

1929			
Sept 1	Am Nature Assoc Bird Book (pictures for Indians)	1	1 00
	3F. Lockley, Reminiscences Pioneer Thompson	2	1 75
	3 Sausalito Ferry: San Francisco ret 25; Street cars	20	45
	4 rolls film 1.00; Lunch 1.00; Am Forests, Aug. 40		2 40
	Malenowski, Natives Melanania, 2 vols		10 20
	Gabriel Moulin, Photo work	3	19 35
	San Anselmo (El Centro Sta) Oil, alemiting & gas, car	4	6 15
	Ross Gen Hospital, X-Rays	5	7 50
	Taxi, Ross to Lagunitas		3 00
	4 2 ret. Lagunitas-San Fran (self and Asst, Z.M. Talbot)		2 00
	2 lunches, 1.60; Street cars	35	1 95
	11 Corte Madera Community Garage: Dodge Sedan, Repairs, new parts and labor	6	184 00
	12 Sausalito-San Fran: Self, Asst and car. 90; Lunch 1.90		2 80
	S.F.-Richmond Ferry, self, asst, and car		1 70
	Carquinas Toll Bridge, Car, self, & asst		80
	Woodland, Dinner self and Asst		220
	13 Hotel Woodland, 2 rooms, self & asst	7	600
	Bkfst		160
	Car storage 50; Horn repaired 1.75; 19 gals gas 2.10		435
	Pd Patwin Indian Wilson 1; Lunch at Willows for 2, 1.80		280
	Willows, Dodge Garage, new fan belt 1; later on battery	50	150
	Red Bluff, 1 qt Mobile oil 35; 10 gals gas 2.50		285
	14 Castella Hotel, Sup, ldg & bkfst self & asst	9	650
	Dunsmuir Garage, Oil 2.10; crossing car 1.50	10	360
	14 Yreka, 9 gals gas 2.25; lunch for 2, 1.50		3 75
	Ft. Jones, Adjusting brakes 1.50		1 50
	16 Sawyers Bar, Board & ldg, self and asst, Supper Sept 14 to Bkfst Sept 16 incl (Butler House)	11	11 50
	Orleans Hotel, Lunch for 2, 2.75; 7 gals gas 2.45		4 45
	17 Willow Cr Hotel, Sup, ldg & bkfst, self & asst	12	5 50
	Hire Ford Car, Salyer, to Saxy Kid's 1.50; Pd Saxy Kid 3;		4 50
	Lunch for 2, 1.30; 7 gals gas Eureka 1.61; wheel lug	15	3 05
	18 Scotia, Hotel Mowatoc, Sup, bkfst & ldg, self & asst	13	7 50
	Storage 50; Lunch 1.90; 10 gals gas (Ukiah) 2.35		4 75
	Santa Rosa, Sup self & asst Occidental Hotel 2.		2 00
	19 2 rooms, self & asst	14	5 50
	Car storage 50; bkfst for 2 1.80; 5 gals gas 1.		3 30
	20 Sausalito Ferry ret, car, self & asst		1 70
	Lunch self & asst 1.80; Street cars 30		2 10
	23 5 gals gas 1; Phone to Southern Pacific Co. 40; trunk 90		2 30
	24 Hotel Stewart, S.F., Room	15	3 00
	Bkfst & lunch 2.10; Dinner dining car 1.50		3 60
	RR ticket, San Fran-Washn (SP, UP, C&NW, Pa.)		103 07
	Pullman Drawingroom SF-Washn \$111.	1/3 111 1/3	37 00
	Dining car meals S.F.-Washn (Bkfst Sept 25 to bkfst Sept 28 incl at \$4. per day		13 30
	Pullman Porters, S.F. - Washn 1. Baggage in 75		1 75
	Expressage, Calif-Washn, Chest & 5 pkgs maps, vocabs &c		28 31

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October 3, 1929.

Mr N.H. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Here with I am enclosing vouchers for services for  
Mrs. Z.M. Talbot, assistant, for work in September (16 days  
at \$4.50, \$72.00) which I will be obliged if you will  
pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct 4

Mrs Z M Talbot

1919- 16th St., Washington, D.C.

1929

Sept. 30 Services as Assistant, 16 days @ \$4.50 per day. 72.00

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C. Hart Merriam  
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Oct. 4, 1929

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my check on the National Metropolitan  
Bank of this city for Five Hundred dollars in repayment of  
advance for field expenses, received June 13 last.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Thanks for promptness in sending check for September  
Expense account.



October 8, 1929.

Mr. J. P. Harrington  
272 Lane Street  
New Monterey, Calif.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

You will be surprised to know that your letter of the first instant reaches me here at Washington.

I was obliged to leave Lagunitas earlier than expected and shall be here for the winter, so as you see it will be impossible for me to see you in the Monterey region or elsewhere in California during the remainder of the year.

I rejoice exceedingly that you have been able to find an informant so full of the old lore that you are enabled to make a noteworthy contribution to previous knowledge of these Indians.

Now I am going to tell you a secret which I imagine will give you a thrill. For some years I have known an old Indian who was born on New River, above Sally Noble's. His parents and other members of the tribe were killed when he was a little boy so that he disclaims knowledge of his language. I saw him first many years ago and have since worked him twice with very little success, obtaining only ten words. This year just before leaving California my daughter and I drove up there again, traveling along the deep canyons of the Salmon, Klamath, and Trinity Rivers, and again visiting this old man in his home

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in the mountains. He gave me the name of his tribe just as he had given it to me before, pronouncing it Tlo-mah-tah-hoi but repeating it more exactly in the form Tlo-hon-tah-hoi. And this time I was able to secure thirty-four words of his language. These however, with one or two exceptions, are very distinct from any language known to me.

This information for the present is between you and me as I have not breathed anything about it to any other anthropologist.

I am on the track also of a few half-breeds of what may prove to be still another tribe -- in case they remember some of their language.

With best wishes for your continued success,

Very truly yours,



October 8, 1929.

Mr. E. B. Gardner,  
Woodacre, California.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Before leaving my home at Lagunitas I turned off the water where it enters the house and also in both water boxes thirty or forty feet behind the house, but did not turn it off at the tank. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have it turned off at the tank so that no water may be wasted during our absence.

There seemed to be a leak somewhere as we heard water running every night, but could not locate it as no water was running in the house or from any of the outside faucets.

We intended to call on Mrs. Gardner before leaving but owing to Mrs. Merriam's condition and the haste in finally getting off we were unable to do so.

With kind regards to you both from all of us,

Very truly yours,



October 9, 1929.

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar  
114 Sansome Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

Unfortunately for me, it proved impracticable for me to accept your kind invitation for an evening at your home during the past season. As you know, Mrs. Merriam was closely restricted by her broken knee so that I was unable to spend a single night in San Francisco until we went to the train to bring us home. This I very much regret, but look forward to seeing you next season.

With kindest regards to your mother,  
Very truly yours,  
C. R. ...

October 8, 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bigelow,  
Sawyers Bar,  
Siskiyou County, California.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow:

Since seeing you at your attractive home on Salmon River my daughter and myself have returned to Washington where we expect to remain until next spring.

I am only too anxious to accept your kind offer to obtain for me as many words as possible in the language of the Indians formerly owning the Cecilville region on South Fork.

While half a dozen words of this language might suffice to identify the relationship of the tribe, it is important to obtain as many words as possible. I am taking the liberty, therefore, to enclose a list of the more important words, and shall be under very great obligation to you both if you will kindly obtain as many of these as possible.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
C. R. ...



October 10, 1929.

Mr. Phil Townsend Hanna  
2601 S. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Hanna:

Your letter of September 28 reached me here in Washington on my return from California, and the photograph which you kindly return was likewise forwarded from Lagunitas. But I have not seen the number of "Touring Topics" in question. I should appreciate several copies.

A very crude, not to say boyish, manuscript which I loaned Mr. Carew and which he agreed to return has not reached me. This is somewhat embarrassing as it was sent me from the Museum to be corrected and amplified; but I had not had time to attend to it before Mr. Carew came to Lagunitas, so I let him have it as it was. I am writing him also by this mail, but in case he is not at home and it has come into your possession I shall be obliged if you will kindly return it to me here.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartshorn*

October 10, 1929.

Mr. Harold D. Carew  
449 Mariposa Avenue  
Sierra Madre, California

My dear Mr. Carew:

A letter just received from Mr. Phil Townsend Hanna tells me that the article you prepared would appear in the next number of "Touring Topics". The photograph he returned has just arrived. I have not seen the article, but shall of course be glad to have several copies.

I understood you to say that you would submit your manuscript before publication.

The exceedingly crude paper sent me for correction by the Museum and which I loaned you (as I had nothing better at hand) has not been returned. This is embarrassing to me as the Museum people want it, and I am expected to correct it and put it in better shape. I shall be obliged if you will return it at your early convenience. Not knowing whether or not you are at home, I am making the same request of Mr. Hanna.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartshorn*



October 12, 1929.

Mr. George A. Lyon  
P. O. Box 2287  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lyon:

Your letter of September 14 in regard to Holzworth's new grizzly reached me on my return from California. In reply I am enclosing herewith a copy of my paper describing Ursus holzworthi.

Alaska certainly is a great country for bears, and I am glad to know that you have availed yourself of the privilege of hunting there.

Very truly yours,



October 14, 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bigelow  
Sawyers Bar  
California.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow:

Can you find out the names used by the Cecilville people for the tribes formerly living in Scott Valley, on North Fork Salmon, on the Main Salmon, on New River, at Burnt Ranch on Trinity River, in Hoopa Valley, and on Klamath River. If so, kindly enter these names, or as many of them as you are able to obtain, on the enclosed blank.

I am very anxious to learn the boundaries of the Cecilville Tribe. If I have been correctly informed by some of the adjacent tribes, their territory was bounded on the south by the High Divide between South Fork Salmon and the Trinity, and on the southwest by Plummer Creek (west of which were the Konomeho). The western boundary north of the mouth of Plummer Creek between North Fork Salmon and Plummer Creek was given me as Eddys Gulch, Black Bear Creek, and the part of South Fork between the mouth of Black Bear Creek and the mouth of Plummer Creek. Is this correct?

The western boundary north of North Fork Salmon was given me as Little North Fork. Is this correct?

The north and east boundaries were not given me exactly, and I was not able to learn whether or not the Shaste came westerly over the summit of Salmon Mountains.

Do you know what tribe occupied the mountains directly south of the Siskiyou-Trinity County Divide -- the tribe on the upper waters of North Fork Trinity, Grizzly Creek, and Rattlesnake Creek; in other words, the tribe between Limestone Ridge and Canyon Creek?

*Very truly yours,  
C. J. Smith*



October 16, 1929.

Dauber & Pine Bookshops, Inc.  
New York City.

Your book catalog recently received contains the titles of a number of publications of the Department of Anthropology of the University of California from which I shall be obliged if you will send the following with bill:

Vol. 4 No. 5. Kroeber. *White Language*  
Vol. 5. No. 4. Barrett. Culture of Klamath  
and Modoc Indians.

Vol. 8. No. 1. Kroeber. Mission Record  
California Indians.

Vol. 8. No. 2. Kroeber. Ethnography of  
Cahuilla Indians.

Vol. 8. No. 5. Kroeber. Notes on Shosonean  
Dialects.

Vol. 8. No. 6. Waterman. Religious Practices  
of Diegueno.

Vol. 9. No. 2. Kroeber. Chumash and Costanoan  
Language.

Vol. 9. No. 3. Kroeber. Languages of the Coast.

Vol. 10. No. 6. Goddard. Notes on Chilula Indians.

Vol. 11. No. 1. Goddard. Elements of Kato Language.

Vol. 11. No. 7. Mason. Mutsun Dialect of Costanian.

Vol. 12. No. 8. Clifford. Miwk Myths.

Very truly yours,

October 16, 1929.

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant in relation to Charles Shelton's forthcoming book "Denali", would say that I am at work on the introduction and hope to finish it shortly.

Owing to various interruptions in California, including a serious automobile accident, I was unable to finish it as early as expected.

By the way, we have thus far failed to secure a satisfactory picture of the great mountain, and I am wondering if you may have seen one anywhere. The August number of "American Forests" reproduces a photograph (page 477) which I think is better than any we have submitted. Still it seems to me that an even better one could be dug up.

Very truly yours,

*See also 59*



October 16, 1929.

Mr. E. A. Preble  
U. S. Biological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Preble:-

A letter from John M. Holsworth of White Plains, New York, received this morning, transmits the enclosed letters in regard to a caribou of which he sent specimens to the Biological Survey two or three years ago. He requests that I communicate with you to learn whether or not you have made any additional examination of these specimens and whether or not you stick to the identification as Rangifer caribou sylvaticus (Richardson).

Please return the correspondence.

Hoping to see you some of these days,

Very truly yours,

*Robert M. Anderson*



October 18, 1929.

Mr. John M. Holzworth  
White Plains, New York.

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

Glad to know that you had such a successful trip and that you succeeded in photographing 75 out of the 125 grizzly and brown bears you saw in Alaska last summer. This must be a great satisfaction to you, and I shall be mighty glad to see some of the pictures later.

In compliance with your request, I shall be glad to read the manuscript of your bear book and will make any suggestions that occur to me, although, of course, I cannot do any editorial work on it as I am overwhelmed with other matters.

On receipt of your letter I wrote Preble in regard to your caribou from the Peace River country. A letter from him received this morning states that last winter he went over the caribou material with Murie, including the specimens from the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in northwestern Alberta, and that he finds no reason to change his former identification, so that it is all right to call them Rangifer caribou sylvestris (Richardson).

You may not be aware of the fact that a number of our eastern birds and some mammals, including the black

bear, range far westerly over the northwestern British provinces into Alaska.

Last summer I was not able to do much in the way of field work, being closely confined to Lagunitas because of Mrs. Merriam's broken knee and also because of a rather serious automobile accident.

Am looking forward to your visit here and shall be mighty glad to see the new bear pictures.

With best wishes,

*W. H. Merriam*

The table of measurements of your caribou and the copies of the letters you sent me are herewith returned.



October 18, 1929.

Mr. E. B. Gardner  
Woodacre, California

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The water company's bill to October 1, received today, calls for \$10.05 additional. I have already paid this year: July 11, \$16.65; August 13, \$4.25. These with the present bill would make \$30.95 for this year, an amount very much in excess of the charges for any previous period in all the years since I built at Lagunitas. In 1927 the bills amounted to \$18.45. Last year, 1928, when we were there longer than usual, the amount was \$18.80. During our short stay this year, if the present statement is correct, the charge would be \$30.95. As a matter of fact, I think it safe to say that during all the summers we have spent in Lagunitas we have never used so little water as in the present year. We watered my daughter Zenaida's orchard only once and put very little on the ferns as I was physically unable to attend to the watering.

As I wrote you a few days ago (on October 8), I suspected a leak somewhere in the system for we could hear water running at night. As I was unable to find any leak on my place, I concluded that the sound was carried along the pipe from some other property. If this last bill for \$10.05 is correct, I shall of course pay it, but before doing so will be obliged if you will kindly look over the readings and see if there is not an error somewhere.



October 21, 1929.

Miss Frances Dorrance, Director  
Wyoming Historical and Geological  
Society  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Miss Dorrance:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, asking for a copy of my book "An-nik-a-del" in exchange for a choice of publications in the accompanying list (which I am returning herewith), would say that I shall be glad if you will send me "Aboriginal rock shelters, and other archaeological notes of Wyoming Valley" by Max Schrabisch [from Vol. 19 Proc. Wyoming Historical and Geological Soc., 1926.]

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 21, 1929.

Mr. Paul Brockett  
Assistant Secretary  
National Academy of Sciences  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brockett:

Yes, I shall be glad to be present at four o'clock on October 30 when President Hoover presents to Madame Curie a gram of radium.

As Mrs. Merriam is still confined by her broken knee, I shall be glad to take my daughter, Mrs. Zenaida Talbot, if this is permissible.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



October 22, 1929.

Editor, Corcoran Journal  
Corcoran, California

Dear Sir:

Recently Part 9 of an historical account of the southern part of San Joaquin <sup>Valley</sup> entitled "Uncle Jeff's Story" has just come to my notice. I have not seen any of the earlier chapters but should like to have them. If they are recast from a published book, I shall appreciate the favor if you will kindly give me the title and place of publication of the volume; but if they are for the first time published in your Journal, I shall be very glad if you can send to me, with bill for same, the numbers of the Journal containing the entire series.

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H.



October 28, 1929.

Mr. Harold D. Carew  
449 Mariposa Avenue  
Sierra Madre, Calif.

Dear Mr. Carew:

The extra copies of Touring Topics for October which Mr. Hanna was kind enough to send me never arrived, while the copies sent to Lagunitas and which I had forwarded arrived less than two hours ago, so that while I have not yet had time to carefully read your obituary I am much pleased with it. I will write you later, in compliance with your request, in regard to any errors it may contain.

Appreciating the trouble you have taken with it, and with kindest regards to Mrs. Carew from Mrs. Merriam and myself,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

October 28, 1929.

Mr. Gabriel Moulin  
153 Kearny Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Moulin:

The last batch of prints sent from your office have just arrived. Those of the house are very disappointing because the printer carelessly cut out the bottom showing the base of the tree and the road leading to the garage, as you will see on the negative enclosed herewith. I shall be obliged if you will have these made over. The useless prints are returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

November 2, 1929

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

My dear Sir:

At last I have finished the introductory chapter for Sheldon's book and am inclosing it herewith. Whether it is best to call it an introduction, a preface, or a foreword you are in a position to decide.

During the summer I wrote a much longer account but have since cut it down materially and suspect that you may still consider it too long. I am open to suggestions.

Regretting the delay in finishing it,

Very truly yours,

CHM/dg



## INTRODUCTION

Among the hunter-naturalists of America, Charles Sheldon occupied a unique position. For "notwithstanding his attitude of self effacement" -- as well expressed by George Bird Grinnell -- "he was our most famous big game hunter". Choosing his hunting grounds in some of the most remote and inaccessible parts of the continent; possessed of physical strength and endurance almost beyond belief, of unbounded enthusiasm, of powers of observation second to none, and endowed with a conscience intolerant of exaggeration, the accounts of his hunts abound in vivid descriptions of localities not previously explored, while his circumstantial studies of the habits of animals rank among the most valuable of the contributions thus far made to the life histories of many species -- particularly the mountain sheep, caribou, moose, grizzly bear, and wolverine.

Of independent means and unhampered by government restrictions, he was able to choose his own hunting grounds and outfit his own expeditions. Moreover, by his enthusiasm and influence, others, chiefly young sportsmen, were led to make their hunting trips contribute specimens of permanent value to our great museums.

While his personal interest centered chiefly in the larger game animals, Sheldon nevertheless appreciated the importance of collecting the smaller mammals and took the trouble to trap,

prepare, and label large numbers of mice, lemmings, shrews, and other small species, all of which he presented to the Biological Survey, for permanent deposit in our National Museum. These specimens have been of inestimable help to naturalists engaged in defining and mapping the ranges of the smaller mammals and besides have brought to light a number of species previously unknown. And it should be borne in mind that while the major part of his field work was done in Alaska and Yukon Territory, he also made important collections and field notes in British Columbia, Arizona, and northern Mexico.

In most localities in which he hunted he was a pioneer -- there being no one to tell him where or how to go, or what to expect when he got there. He modestly mentions the fact that nearly all the mountains on which he hunted "were untrodden by foot of white man or Indian. The wilderness was primeval ... It was not possible to find guides, for there were none. It was necessary not only to search out a route to the mountains but also to find the ranges occupied by sheep." And it may be added that in several instances his explorations led not only to discoveries in the field of natural history but also to extensions of geographic knowledge.

The mountain sheep of all the big animals of America appealed most forcibly to his imagination. This is clearly stated in the first chapter of his Wilderness of the Upper



Yukon, where he writes:

"The mountain sheep of America are among the noblest of our wild animals. Their pursuit leads the hunter into the most remote and inaccessible parts of the wilderness and calls into play his greatest skill and highest qualities of endurance.

"My first experience with sheep was in northern Mexico, where they dwell among the isolated groups of rugged mountains that rise abruptly from the great waterless deserts -- deserts beautiful in their wealth of color, weird in the depth of their solitude, impressive in their grim desolation. It was there that I became fascinated by the exhilaration of the sport of hunting the wild sheep, and dominated by the desire of following them in other lands.

"I was familiar with what had been written about the white sheep, Ovis dalli, of Alaska, and the darkest of the American sheep, Ovis stonei, of the Stikine water-shed in northern British Columbia; and when in 1901 still another form of sheep, Ovis fannini, was described from the ranges of the Canadian Rockies in Yukon Territory -- an animal with a pure white head and gray back -- I decided

to explore for it if the chance ever offered. Indeed, so little was known about the variation, habits, and distribution of the wild sheep of the far northern wilderness, that my imagination was impressed by the possibilities of the results of studying them in their native land. There was, besides, the chance of penetrating new regions, of adding the exhilaration of exploration to that of hunting, and of bringing back information of value to zoologists and geographers, and of interest to sportsmen and lovers of natural history."<sup>1</sup>

After studying the white sheep for three or more seasons in the mountains of Yukon Territory and in the Alaska Range he realized that important facts in their life history -- particularly concerning the seasonal ranges and breeding habits -- were still unknown. In order to obtain this information he undertook still another long journey, again visiting the Upper Toklat and Mount Denali <sup>-- the Indian name for Mount McKinley --</sup> where he remained through the summer, fall, winter, and following spring. This he did at great personal sacrifice of time, money, and labor. His reward was the satisfaction of success, for by unceasing exertion he succeeded in filling the previous gaps in the knowledge of the lives of these remarkable animals. In obtaining these

<sup>1</sup> The Wilderness of the Upper Yukon, pp.3-4. Scribners, 1911.



facts he did an almost unbelievable amount of severe and often perilous climbing, visiting bands of sheep on the steep declivities of tremendous mountains -- not alone in summer and fall, but also during nearly every day of the severe cold and storms of the arctic winter -- accomplishing tasks that few of the most hardy hunters would deem possible.

Of high value to students of American game animals are his graphic illustrations showing the colors and markings of sheep. Nine patterns or intensities of coloration are exhibited by these animals in the different mountain regions of Alaska and Yukon Territory, and the areas occupied by each are graphically shown on an accompanying map. Sheldon alone possessed the knowledge necessary to do this.

When studying sheep and grizzly bear he risked his life a hundred times -- day after day, week after week, and month after month -- in penetrating unknown canyons, fording swirling torrents, and scaling perilous cliffs, that he might fill gaps in our knowledge of the habits and movements of these animals. Some of his escapes were little less than miraculous, but he secured what he went for and lived to return -- evidence of his determination, his powers of endurance, and his skill as a mountaineer.

When hunting, he hunted alone, well aware of the annoyances and failures attending the presence of a companion. But

when in camp he enjoyed the comradeship of those interested in

An entry in his journal for Nov. 16, 1907 says: "That day I had been on snowshoes for 12 hours without resting"; and in another place he admits that he ran continuously ahead of the dogs for 8 miles, and as a consequence was laid up for three days. One cannot help feeling that had it not been for these and numerous other overtaxings of the heart he might be with us today.

like pursuits. On one of his Alaska expeditions he took as guests Wilfred H. Osgood, then of the U. S. Biological Survey (now head of the Mammal Department of the Field Museum in Chicago), Carl Rungius, the celebrated mammal artist of New York; and for a part of the season the late F. C. Selous, the eminent and much beloved British hunter-naturalist whose writings on big game animals of Africa and Canada are well known.

Sheldon was a splendid type of vigorous manhood, self-reliant, courageous, of pleasing personality, possessed of sober earnest dignity, <sup>unassuming,</sup> simple in tastes, kindly, generous, and when estimating others always fair, giving due weight to their environment and opportunities. He was a staunch friend, undemonstrative but true.

In his natural history investigations, he had no patience with guesswork or inference. He wanted exact facts, verified by repeated observation and recorded with painstaking fidelity. When out with gun and glass, it was his practice to focus attention on certain habits of the animal studied and to record what he saw with scrupulous detail. Unwilling to rely on memory, he sometimes wrote while actually watching the animal, and at all times penned his account immediately after reaching camp, no matter at what hour of the night or how

fatigued he might be. His journals show that after many an arduous hunt, often encumbered by a heavy load, he returned in the darkness of night -- descending precipitous slopes, feeling his way through slippery canyons, wading treacherous torrents -- and after



reaching camp and eating a late supper, immediately proceeded to record the day's experiences. Many pages ~~of which~~, as stated by his camp man, Henry Karstens, ~~were~~ written between midnight and morning.

His observations on the amazing power of scent of bears and caribou contrasted with the power of sight of the sheep; on the breeding habits and periods of sheep and caribou, on the prodigious physical strength of the wolverine, on the brutality of the Canada lynx in tearing out the eyes of sheep, on the familiar winter habits of the Alaska Canada jays about his cabin; on the breeding antics of the ptarmigan and of the short-eared owls -- these and many others are among the notable contributions of the present volume.

Although familiar with a large proportion of the mammals and birds of the United States and Alaska, he always disclaimed technical knowledge. Still a few years ago he undertook a technical study of the mountain sheep. This, unfortunately, he did not live to complete.

His appreciation of scenic grandeur and his delights in remote solitudes are evident throughout his writings. He not only loved wild places but in his contemplation of them -- as in hunting -- he preferred to be alone. He was deeply sensitive to color, whether of foliage, mountain, or sky, many pages attesting his appreciation of the varying tints of cliffs, peaks, and mountain pastures, of the evanescent hues of Arctic auroras, and more particularly, of the extraordinary colors enshrouding the great 'Denali' when the winter sun shone low and cold in the west.

During his several years in Mexico (from 1898 to 1902) Sheldon acquired the Spanish language, became interested in the people, the country, and the game animals. He hunted in the Sierra Madre and other parts of northern Chihuahua, at that time "the best field for big-game hunting in all Mexico". Many readers may be surprised to learn, that The Sierra Madre is clad in forests of stately pines and cleft by canyons, some more than a hundred miles in length and, according to Sheldon, almost if not quite, equaling the Grand Canyon of the Colorado; while on the east is a vast desert covered by yuccas, cactus and mesquite trees.

In the timbered mountains he hunted the mountain sheep, the small Mexican grizzly, the black bear, and the small whitetail or Coues deer (which also inhabited the lower country), and noted the abundance of cougars; while in the brushy and open deserts to the east he found the desert mule deer and the antelope.

✓ The Big Game of Chihuahua, Mexico, in volume entitled Hunting and Conservation, the Book of the Boone & Crockett Club, pp. 138-181, 1925.



It was his early experiences with sheep in the Sierra Madre, as already pointed out, that led to the study of these fascinating animals in a number of mountain ranges in Yukon Territory and Alaska, in the course of which his interest in the group became so intense that he determined to secure specimens from as many disconnected mountains as possible in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. With this in view, he persuaded the Biological Survey to send hunters to a number of localities in the Far West while he personally undertook the task of obtaining specimens from the extreme southwestern limit of sheep in the Desert Ranges of Mexico. He had already hunted in the Grand and ~~Havasupai~~ Canyons of northern Arizona where, accompanied by the aged chief of the Havasupai Indians, he had killed several fine specimens for the Biological Survey.

Learning later that Carl Lumholtz had seen sheep tracks along the base of Sierra del Rosario and believing that the complete isolation of this range would prevent sheep from crossing the broad desert leading to it, Sheldon felt that the species would be likely to differ from that of the mountains farther north. Anxious to determine this, he made a special trip to El Rosario, in March 1916, whose rugged crests of ~~El Rosario~~ attain an elevation of 1500 to 1700 feet, <sup>yet as he ascertained,</sup> "there is not a drop of water in the whole range", so he was obliged to carry a small quantity from Tinajas Altas in the Gila Range, twenty miles away. He rode a horse there from Wellton in three days and "remained alone for eight days, climbing the crags and hunting

<sup>1</sup> Lumholtz, New Trails in Mexico, Scribners, 1912.

for sheep." He finally succeeded in killing an adult ram and in finding the bleached skull of a mature ewe. The species proving distinct, was named Ovis sheldoni in his honor. As might be expected from its inhospitable environment, it is the smallest of the American sheep.

In 1921 <sup>Sheldon</sup> visited the little known Sére Indians at their home on the remote and desolate Tiburon Island in the Gulf of California. He had been warned against going because of their reputation ~~these~~ <sup>for</sup> Indians had <sup>but</sup> of killing white visitors, he was unafraid. Finding them in a half starved condition, he went with the chief into the far interior and killed for them one of the rare and little known Tiburon mule deer. The chief, by means of signal smokes, summoned several of his men from their home on the coast many miles away to bring water -- for they <sup>had become</sup> very thirsty -- and carry back the meat. While on the island no white man was with him -- his only companions, the Indians. He visited their headquarters, became interested in their rude habitations and mode of life, and brought back examples of their tiny effigies and crude basketry.

<sup>1916</sup>  
<sup>2</sup> Proc. Biological Soc. of Washington, Vol. 29, pp. 129-132, Sept. 6, 1916.  
 On Feb. 7, 1923, he lectured before the Anthropological Society of Washington on his visit to the Sére Indians, and exhibited a number of lantern slides of the people and their homes on Tiburon Island.



Sheldon's  
His earlier books tell of most of his hunts north of the United States except in the area now embraced in Mount McKinley National Park -- the subject of the present volume. They tell of his work along the great Yukon, the MacMillan, the Pelly and Ross, <sup>rivers,</sup> and in the adjacent mountains of Yukon Territory; of his big bear hunts on Montague and Admiralty Islands, his mountain goat hunt on the Katzebin River, a tributary to Lynn Canal in southeastern Alaska; his search for the rare Dawson caribou on Queen Charlotte Islands, and his hunt for the coast elk in the dense rain forest of Vancouver Island. Thus ~~this~~ volume, 'Denali', completes the account of his hunting expeditions in the Far North; a recent book of the Boone and Crockett Club tells of his work in Chihuahua, Mexico; but nowhere except in his precious journals may be found accounts of his sheep hunts in the Grand and <sup>Havas</sup> ~~Supai~~ Canyons of Arizona and those on the desert mountains of Sonora, nor of his visit and deer hunt with the Sere Indians of Tiburon Island in the Gulf of California.

In view of his natural tastes and extensive field experience it is not surprising that he should have become an enthusiastic supporter of the National Parks, National Forests, and National Game Refuges. He stood also for rational game conservation and became one of the leaders of the movement. But he was not an extremist, for as stated by E. W. Nelson, "He was a thorough believer in the reasonable utilization of surplus game by the people where it occurs, and by the sportsmen; yet he was a strong advocate of adequate protection of wild life to insure its perpetuation in reasonable numbers." [Italics by the editor]

After much thought he formulated a plan for the conservation and increase of game animals in the United States. He proposed that the states having National Forests within their borders voluntarily relinquish the control of game therein, turning its administration over to the Forest Service; and that outside the National Forests the control be placed in the hands of the State Game Commissions with full powers. This policy, he believed, "would result in greatly increased financial advantage to the states". -- Outdoor Life, p. 99, Feb. 1925.

Recognizing the need of a central national organization for the consideration of the general subject of field forest and game, Sheldon consulted with other leaders and succeeded in bringing about the National Conference on Outdoor Recreation; and he was one of the founders of the Wild Fowls League.



His appreciation of stupendous mountain scenery, coupled with his desire to perpetuate under natural conditions the white sheep, caribou, moose, grizzly bear, and other wild animals of the North, led him to urge upon the Government the desirability of setting aside the area now known as Mt. McKinley National Park in northern Alaska. This Park was established by Congress in 1917, seven years after the similarly public-spirited labors of his friend, George Bird Grinnell, had resulted in the creation of Glacier National Park in western Montana.

The esteem in which Sheldon was held by co-workers is echoed by the important offices to which he was elected: Vice-president of the Boone <sup>and</sup> Crockett Club and Advisory Member of its Game Conservation Committee; Trustee and Member of the Executive Committee of the National Parks Association; Member of the Board of Directors of the American Forestry Association; Member of the Coordination Committee on National Parks and Forests; Chairman of the Commission on the Conservation of the Jackson Hole Elk; Chairman of the Permanent Wild Life Committee of the National Recreation Conference, and others of like interests and aims.

Sheldon's interest in big game led him to gather books on hunting and exploration in America and other lands. The collection grew until at the time of his death it numbered between six and seven thousand volumes. Since his death this incomparable library has been acquired by Yale University.

His contributions to the knowledge of the habits and ranges of American mammals, his continued efforts to secure adequate series of specimens for our great museums, and his struggle for the reasonable conservation of wild life are among the lasting monuments to his industry and understanding.



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LOCALITIES IN WHICH SHELDON HUNTED

In Alaska

Alaska Range, Mt. McKinley Nat. Park  
Admiralty Island  
Katschin River, tributary to Lynn Canal  
Montague Island, Prince William Sound  
Head of Toklat, Alaska Range and base of Denali

In British Columbia (Canada)

Queen Charlotte Islands  
Vancouver Island

In Province of Quebec (Canada)

Magdalen Islands

In Yukon Territory (Canada)

Forks of MacMillan River  
Glenlyon Mountains  
Mount Sheldon  
Ogilvie Rockies  
Pelly Mountains  
Pelly River  
Plateau Mountain  
Rose Mountains  
Ross River  
Selwin Rockies

In Arizona

Gile Range  
Grand and Havasu Canyons  
Tule Range

In Mexico

Cocopa Mountains, Lower California  
Santa Maria Mountains, Chihuahua  
Seriland and deserts of western Sonora  
Viejo and Pinacate Ranges, northwestern Sonora  
Sierra del Rosario  
Tiburón Island, Gulf of California

His interests were so broad that little escaped his inquiring mind. He tells of a variety of things, animate and inanimate, that caught his attention -- songs of birds, actions of squirrels and mice, features of the landscape, doings of Indians. His hunting trips brought him in contact with Indians of many tribes, leading him to record facts of value to the anthropologist.

List of tribes and bands mentioned in the journals  
(several under geographic name only)

In Alaska

Chilkat, Southeastern Alaska  
Innuít [Eskimo], Prince William Sound  
Minchumina, about lake of same name  
Nenana  
Tanana [Tenankuchin]

In Yukon Territory

Nahane, Nahanni House region  
Pelly [Epatotina], Pelly River  
Selkirk

In British Columbia

Haida, Queen Charlotte Islands  
Koskimo Kwakiutl, Vancouver Island

In Arizona

Havasupai, Havasu or Cataract Canyon  
Yuma

In Mexico

Cocopa [Kokopah], Northern Lower California  
Sere, Tiburón Island and adjacent part of Sonora  
Tarahumara, Chihuahua



## PERSONAL MEMORANDA

Charles Sheldon, son of John S. and Caroline E. Sheldon, was born at Rutland, Vermont, October 17, 1867. He died suddenly of a heart attack at his summer camp at Kedgemakooge in Nova Scotia September 21, 1928.

As a boy he went to a local school, then to a boarding school at Bennington, Vermont, and later to Phillips' Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, where he prepared for Yale. He entered Yale in 1886 and was graduated in 1890. While there he rowed on the Freshman Crew and became President of the Varsity Boat Club. He was a member of Eta Phi, Psi Upsilon, and the Scroll and Key, and in his senior year won the Cobden Club Medal.

In 1893-94 he was Assistant Superintendent of the Toledo Division of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway and the next four years (1894-98) was General Manager of the Consolidated Car Heating Company with headquarters at Albany, New York. In 1898-1902 he was General Manager of the Chihuahua Pacific Railway in Mexico with headquarters at Chihuahua City. While there he hunted in the Santa Maria Mountains and adjacent deserts. Returning from Mexico he retired from active business.

In 1904-1909 he hunted big game in Yukon Territory and Alaska.

On May 12, 1909 he married Louisa W. Gulliver of New York. They have four children, three girls and a boy.

During the World War Sheldon held a Government position of trust, charged with the duty of watching for enemy activities in territory south of the United States. After this he continued to reside in Washington.



C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington

October 31, 1929.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant,  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I transmit my expense account for the month of October amounting to \$73.94 together with salary voucher for Miss Lilian McClain for 18 days' salary at the rate of \$150 per month.

Kindly pay these as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

## Expense Account for October, 1929

Oct. 4	Gabriel Moulin, San Francisco, Photo work	1	2 50
4	" " " " enlargements	2	4 90
7	T. A. Bigelow, Salmon River, Calif., Services securing material from Indians		25 00
12	International Journal Linguistics, Vol. 5		5 00
14	Underwood Typewriter Co., Ribbon coupon book	3	5 00
17	Dauber & Pine Bookshops, New York, Publications as per attached bill	4	5 69
19	Dauber & Pine Bookshops, History Coca	5	2 23
19	Eugenics, 2 vols. by Robinson		3 15
23	Eastman Kodak Co., Printing photo negatives		1 84
28	Fred Lockley--Heart of Oregon		1 50
	Washing office windows		1 80
	Housecleaning office rooms Oct. 1-3		4 00
	Cleaning office rooms, month of October		3 00
	Gas, May 25- Oct. 25 (\$8.40) 1/3 of \$8.40	6	2 80
	Electric current, June 16-Oct. 16 " " \$5.17	7	2 06
	Bus fares		1 20
	Stamped envelopes (15 large and 50 small)		1 42
	Miscellaneous postage and 2-cent stamps		1 85

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November 5, 1929

Mr. Geo. W. Stewart  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Your letters of October 20 and 25, forwarded from Lagunitas, are before me and I am greatly obliged for the information contained therein.

The location of Tindall Mound on "Ern" Miller's place confirms my identification of this mound as the one half a mile southwest of the former Beaver Lake. The place is on the west side of a bend of the river a little over two miles southwest of Kirkville, according to the Kirkville Quadrangle of the U. S. Geological Survey.

In regard to the uncertainty of the exact location of the old Colonel Hagar place, I am thankful for the address you give me of his daughter, Mrs. Alice S. Tubbs. I have just written her.

We returned to Washington about the end of October. I was sorry to leave without seeing you and Mrs. Stewart, and regretted also the impracticability of doing more field work before leaving.

Julian Steward's "Petroglyphs of California" recently received abounds in interesting material, in which I am pleased to see copies of a number of your pictures.

With kind regards to Mrs. Stewart and yourself, in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,

November 5, 1929

Dr. John P. Swanton  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Swanton:

Very many thanks for your kindness and promptness in sending me two copies of your important paper on the Tawasa. I am very glad to have this and to add it to my files. With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM/dg




November 5, 1929

Mrs. Alfred S. Tubbs  
2126 Broadway  
San Francisco, California

My dear Mrs. Tubbs:

For some years past I have been trying to locate the old Indian rancherias along Sacramento River from Butte City south to Knights Landing. One of these in the neighborhood of present Colusa, apparently a little north of Colusa, was said to be on Colonel Hagar's place. I have not been able to locate this exactly and, having obtained your address from the librarian of Colusa County, am taking the liberty to ask if you can tell me just where the place in question was. I assume that the old Indian village was rather close to Colonel Hagar's house. Probably the village had been abandoned before Colonel Hagar built.

Very truly yours,  


CHM/dg



November 7, 1929

Dear Miss Hastings:

You certainly were mighty good to take the time to send me those wonderful negatives of yours so soon after your return from the Canyon. I have had prints made from them. They are simply splendid, and I thank you very much for the privilege of adding them to my collection. I prize especially those of the Supai.

Accept my congratulations on your visit to Rainbow Bridge. I have wanted to go there ever since I first heard of its discovery. By moonlight it must be wonderful.

Sorry you had the hard luck to run into a blizzard on your way home. However, this is to be expected so late in the season.

I am always thankful for photographs of Indians and their abodes.

Incidentally, you may forgive me for calling to your attention your spelling of the word "Navaho". Inasmuch as it is an Indian word, why should you adopt the Spanish spelling? Even the Spanish Padres use the "h" instead of the "j", and the Government Geographic Board so ruled many years ago.

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You have had a marvelous season in the most wonderful country of all America. I envy you. Permit me also to congratulate you on the coming event.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. + - - -

Miss Barbara Hastings  
317 Laramie Street  
Atchison, Kansas



November 6, 1929

Mr. Harold D. Carew  
Sierra Madre, California

Dear Mr. Carew:

In accordance with my promise I am now going to call your attention to a few errors in the article you were kind enough to take so much trouble to write about me. These errors obviously are the result of following that abominable manuscript, which I should not have shown you and which, as I warned you, was full of mistakes. I had then only glanced at it--and up to the present time I've not read it.

Starting at the beginning, the first sentence speaks of Mr. Harriman as an elderly gentleman. Unfortunately, he did not live to be elderly, for he died when only middle-aged.

The first three lines of the next paragraph had better be omitted on the double ground that they are not true, and that they would be distasteful to the Harriman family. The paragraph might begin in some such way as this: "The visitor then announced that he wanted to organize," and so on.

In the fourth paragraph, strike out the untruthful words "and will compensate each man for the time he spends with the expedition."

Page 33: Referring to the Hayden Expedition of 1872, a few errors have naturally crept in. Instead of beginning

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with the words, "The party under the leadership", and so on, would suggest: "The expedition under the leadership of Dr. F. V. Hayden was divided into two parts, one, under Dr. Hayden himself, aiming to reach the Yellowstone country from the north; the other, under James Stevenson, from the south, going by way of Snake River and Teton Basin." I was assigned to this division. We went to Cheyenne by rail, thence to the nearby Fort Russell for part of the outfit, and then to Ogden, Utah, and Fort Hall, Idaho, to complete it.

In stating the route of the Stevenson party, it would be more accurate to say, "The course taken by the Stevenson party was from Ogden and the Wasatch Range in the Great Salt Lake country, and thence northward through Malade Valley to Fort Hall in southeastern Idaho."

Page 33, about 2½ inches for bottom: Instead of saying, "During part of the northward trip Indian guides were employed," substitute, "Beaver Dick, a famous Scotch hunter-trapper, accompanied by his Indian wife and young son, acted as guides, but the return trek was made without this assistance."

At the bottom of the same column it is stated, "On a butte in the Teton Range one night Frank H. Bradley, the chief zoologist--", and so on. Incidentally, Professor Bradley was chief geologist; I was the zoologist.

This part of the narrative contains other errors. For instance, Professor Bradley and I attempted to go through the Teton Range from East to West. We crossed Snake River in a dugout,



swimming our horses, and entered a canyon which, because of the snow and impassable cliffs, we could not get through. Returning and recrossing Snake River, we followed in the snow the trail of the main party. Later, Professor Bradley took a small party along Snake River Canyon while I accompanied the main party around to the north, the two divisions to re-unite near its mouth. The party I was with got there first and, not finding any sign of the Bradley party, I was sent to build a signal fire on top of a neighboring butte to attract the attention of the Bradley party when it should emerge from the canyon. I laboriously packed enough sagebrush up to the top of this <sup>bare rocky</sup> butte to make a big fire and keep it burning till midnight. A couple of lodges of Bannock Indians, astonished to see the fire, visited our camp and later showed us a ford across Snake River--thereby saving us twenty miles of travel. These are unimportant details, but if mentioned you will of course want them correct.

Page 34, 1½ inches from top: My going to the Bay of Fundy in March 1876 to collect marine invertebrates was not in any way due to Professor Baird but to my desire to get certain rare brachiopods and pedunculated ascidians which Professor Verrill had told me were to be found there at the very lowest tide of the year--which was in March. I took with me Edmund Beecher Wilson, then a young man but later Professor of Zoology in Columbia University.

What you say next in regard to Baird is true enough but doesn't seem to fit into this particular place. Baird in his

younger days had known Audubon and later was a friend of the elder Agassiz, the most noted naturalist of the period. Audubon was before my time, but Louis Agassiz visited the Smithsonian while I was there and Professor Baird brought him to my room in the old 'catacombs' and introduced me to him.

Page 34, about the middle of first column: The statement beginning "the day he took the entrance examination" is too full of errors to be easily doctored. On entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons I took no entrance examination for the reason that I was certified by the Yale Medical School, in which I had matriculated and attended lectures the preceding year, thus overlapping my work in the Sheffield Scientific laboratory. Dr. Burney, later the most distinguished surgeon in New York, was then Prosector in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. On watching me dissect, he asked what parts of the body I had dissected and where. I replied, all parts, and at New Haven. After observing my work a while longer, he told Professor Sabine, the head professor of anatomy, that I was wasting time as I had already done the necessary work, whereupon I was excused from the dissecting room. The dissecting done in New Haven was not in any way connected with the Medical School but was done privately in a loft over a store, which I, together with a couple of other students in the Sheffield Zoological laboratory had rented for the purpose. As a minor detail, the "box" said to have been labeled "books" was in reality a barrel labeled "potatoes."



Another trifling matter: I actually practiced medicine and surgery eight years plus, having been registered (along with a few other selected medical students) for Charity work in New York more than a year before graduation--the laws requiring a diploma not then existing.

Page 34, middle column, upper third: The statement that in 1883 Baird induced me to go north as surgeon on the sealing steamer 'Proteus' is incorrect. The fact is that after I had arranged with a Newfoundland Sealing company to make this trip to the Northern Seal Fishery I wrote Professor Baird with regard to the specimens I expected to collect, and he was most enthusiastic at the prospect of securing them for the National Museum.

In addition to the corrections mentioned in this letter I have made a few others on the printed pages. These I think you will be able to make out. If not, I shall be glad to answer questions.

I very much regret, both on your account and mine, to have been forced to make so many corrections. Two motives have led me to do this: first, the law of self-preservation--the most fundamental law of animal life--second, fairness to you, you having been misled by a most iniquitous manuscript which I loaned you but had not read.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



November 8, 1929

Major R. Y. Stuart, Forester  
Forest Service  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

A publication entitled 'Forest Pioneer', issued quarterly by the District Forester at Albuquerque, New Mexico, contains in the October number a note entitled 'Cougars Trust Fate to Man in Forest Fire' (page 5). The note refers to a man named Pierre Olsen, presumably a ranger.

Olsen states that three cougars followed him in escaping from a forest fire. The article is quoted apparently from District 4 Daily News.

What I would like to know is whether or not Olsen has the reputation among your rangers of being a truthful man. If so, I would like to know the distance at which the cougars followed the man--this not being stated in the note.

With apologies for troubling you,

Very truly yours,

CHM/dg



November 11, 1929

Mr. L. P. Harrington  
272 Lane Street  
New Monterey, California

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Your letters of October 22 and 26 came duly, along with your lists of Hoomontwash animal names, followed by the plant list. But, owing to severe pressure of other work, I have only now been able to compare them with my Hoomontwash vocabulary. The result is as follows:

#### ANIMALS

Barring slight differences in spelling, the words you got for dog, woodrat, groundsquirrel, bear, weasel, pocket gopher, coon, mouse, mountain lion, skunks (large and small), antelope, elk, house cat, wild cat, jackrabbit, wolf, brush rabbit, and cottontail rabbit agree closely with those obtained by me twenty-six years ago.

I did not get whale or pet, nor have I any word to match up with your ri-nya for a kind of rat. But I failed to get the word for the short-tailed meadow mouse. Possibly this is it.

For deer, old Barbara gave me to-che. Your to-tre is, of course, mighty close. Your name for fawn, pu-kuy, I got as po-koo-e.

The word you got for coyote, wak-shyish, is astonishingly different from the word I got, mah-yan. It would be well worth

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while to inquire of Acencion Cervantes about these two names for coyote--mah-yan and wak-shyish.

Important mammal names you failed to get, which it may yet be possible to secure, are fox, badger, mole, and bat.

You give o-res for bear, adding that "She knows no name for grizzly bear." This might be called up-side-down, for o-res is the name for grizzly bear, and she knows no name for black bear because there are no black bears in her country. Old Barbara gave two forms of the name for grizzly, o-res and or-desh.

#### BIRDS

Your first word for bird, hu-mus, I got as ho-moos. Your informant gave also a second word, mu-shyek. I got this latter word in the form of moo-shek for a bird which sings in the night--species not positively identified but might be the mockingbird or the yellow-breasted chat.

For magpie I got ho-mo-yah. Your word at-tratr possibly came from the bird's chatter, which many Indians give as atch-atch.

For crow you got sa-ray. I got sar-di.

Your word 'lark' is a bad one, though you evidently refer to the meadowlark, which you got as tshi-rit-min. It was given me as che-re-ta-min.

The hawk you give as siw-ker is evidently the red-tail, which was given me as se-oo-kert.

There is an unfortunate transposition in regard to the little sparrow hawk and the larger and longer-tailed sharp-shin hawk. Old Barbara gave me el-la-min for the sparrow hawk but did



not remember the name for the sharp-shin. Your informant gives e-ley-min for the chicken-hawk (sharp-shin) and for the sparrow hawk tshi-lis-kan. My feeling is that the latter name is the proper one for the sharp-shin.

You got tsha-hi for a "good sized owl without horns." I got chah-hi for barn owl. The ground owl, which your informant forgot, was given me as wa-che-che.

The names you give for wild pigeon, humming bird, mourning dove, blackbird, goose, swallow, golden eagle, oriole, killdeer, meadowlark, turkey buzzard, road-runner, condor, mud hen, raven, crow, prairie falcon, red tail, blue jay, California woodpecker, flicker, and great horned owl agree with mine except for minor differences in spelling.

Didn't you forget quail, king-fisher, and kingbird (called by the Spanish speaking people 'Capitan')? You have given the name of nighthawk, but I should have a fear as to its proper identification.

#### REPTILES

The snakes are the same except that Barbara did not discriminate between le-son-wah and le-sok-wah.

For lizards: I got esh-sha-loo for the small brown lizard and ma-ha-ru-ah for the common scaly lizard, the males of which have blue on the sides and under the throat. Your blackberry-eating tu-hir-wis I did not get but have little doubt that it is the alligator lizard (*Gerrhonotus*).

Your turtle and frog agree near enough, but I failed to get toad.

#### FISHES AND MOLLUSKS

Fish and salmon agree, but sucker I didn't get. Your shyel-le for "a small fish" I got in the form shi-yel for fresh water mussels. You got hak-kaw for salt water mussel. I got it for clams.

For abalone and worm we got the same.

#### INSECTS

Among the insects our words are essentially the same for house-fly, grasshopper, flea, butterfly, yellowjacket, bumblebee, small black ant, tarantula, and worm. Apparently you didn't get dragonfly, cicada, mosquito, or scorpion.

#### PLANTS

You give a lot of names for plants, most of which are unidentifiable and therefore worthless. It seems a waste of time to try to get from Indians names of plants of which specimens are not shown and whose proper names are unknown to the questioner.

Plants for which your words agree essentially with mine are blackberry, wormwood (by which you evidently mean *Artemisia ludoviciana*), jimsonweed, cottonwood, bay tree (*Umbellularia*), buckeye, manzanita, toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)--which you call "holly", tarweed, madrone, live oak, big round tule, redwood, and common willow.

You give sak for 'pinyon'. What do you mean by pinyon?

You got lup-pe as possibly the three-cornered tule. I got it for cattail.

In your list I don't find tobacco!



The arrangement and sequence of words in this letter is that given by you. It has nearly driven me to suicide, as I have had to turn pages back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, in order to find each species mentioned. The reason is, of course, that you have arranged the names alphabetically without regard to the relationship of the animals and plants, while my lists follow the natural classification.

You ask about place names which you say I got years ago from Josefa Valazquez of Watsonville. I have hunted through my material and don't find any such names.

I think I asked you which is the proper tribal name of the San Juan tribe--Mutsun or Hoomontwash. Old Barbara insisted that it was Hoomontwash. Others give Mutsun. I had supposed that if Hoomontwash was the proper tribal name, as Barbara insisted, then Mutsun might be the name of the place. Didn't you forget to answer this question?

At Gilroy many years ago I talked with a very bright old woman named Rosa Arsola, who said she came from Santa Cruz and was a member of the Hordeon tribe. She said she had forgotten her language.

At Gilroy also I talked with an old man named Pedro, who stated that his father was a Wen-yah-ren from Carmel Bay.

You certainly have dug out a vast amount of important information. I congratulate you on your industry and on your results. With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*Is Wen-yah-ren the Hoomontwash  
name for A-chesta or Karmintarook?*

*Am enclosing some San Juan Mission rancheria names, which, I hope, are the same.*

# RANCHERIAS BELONGING TO MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

Absaymo	Pouxonoma
Asystarca	Poytoquix
Ausaina	Suricuama
Calendarruc	Tamarox
Chapena	Teboaltac
Echantac	Thithirii
Giguay	Tipisastac
Guachurrones	Trutca
Mitaldejama	Uñijaima
Motssum	Xisca or Xixcaca
Pagssines	Yelmus
Popeloutchom = Orextaco	

Archivo de la Mision de San Juan Bautista, Libros de Mision,  
Extracts made by Thomas Savage for Bancroft Library,  
MS. p. 8,8. 1878.



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November 12, 1929

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Mrs. Sheldon has just called and we have been over several matters in regard to the book.

As to the List of Localities in which Sheldon hunted, and the Personal Memoranda, I am willing that they should be transferred to the end of the book, along with several more or less similar bits of information; but I should regret exceedingly to have them omitted altogether. Inasmuch as nothing approaching a satisfactory biography of Sheldon has appeared, it seems to me that rather full information about the man and his activities would be greatly appreciated by his many admirers and also by a considerable number of hunters and naturalists who otherwise would have no means of finding out what he did.

Mrs. Sheldon left with me galleys 1-7 inclusive, which I have just read. On the whole they are very satisfactory. But I strongly object to the habit your printer has of doubling the 'l' as in such words as traveling, shoveling, labeling, and so on.

Mrs. Sheldon tells me that she has arranged with E. A. Preble of this city to read the proof. I have requested therefore that, in order to save time, you send two proofs simultaneously--one to Preble at the Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, and the other to me at 1919 16th Street.

Very truly yours,

November 18, 1929

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow:

How about the words you were going to get for me? I have been hoping **every day** to hear from you. I am afraid you are holding off too long, hoping to get more words.

If you have succeeded in getting any words, I wish you would send them to me without waiting for more. There will be plenty of time for this later on.

Did you find out the proper name of the South Fork Tribe-- what they call themselves? Can it be Kah-hoo-tin-e-ruk, or is it something else?

I am enclosing a shorter list of the more important words, hoping you will send some of them now if you can, without waiting to get more of those on the longer list. Afterwards, if you get more, I shall of course be mighty glad to have them also.

In writing the words, do not worry about the exact way to spell them. Write them in plain English letters, just the way they sound to you.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, and with  
best wishes,

Very truly yours,



Please write the Indian words in the spaces after the English words.

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Fire -----	Up stream-----
Smoke-----	Down stream-----
Ashes-----	Night time-----
Water-----	Daytime-----
River-----	Today-----
Land (ground)--	Yesterday-----
Mountain-----	Tomorrow-----
Rock-----	Big-----
Sun-----	Little-----
Moon-----	Good-----
Stars-----	Bad-----
Rain-----	One-----
Snow-----	Two-----
People-----	Three-----
Man-----	Four-----
Old man-----	Five-----
Woman-----	Six-----
Old woman-----	Seven-----
Father-----	Eight-----
My father-----	Nine-----
Mother-----	Ten-----
My mother-----	Head-----
North-----	Eye-----
South-----	Ear-----
East-----	Mouth-----
West-----	Arm-----

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Leg-----	Tail-----
Teeth-----	Horns-----
Bone-----	Deerskin blanket----
Hair-----	Rabbitskin blanket--
Sinew-----	Beads-----
Liver-----	House-----
Blood-----	Sweat house-----
Grizzly bear---	My home-----
Black bear-----	Bow-----
Coon-----	Arrow-----
Mountain lion--	Quiver (arrow sack)--
Lynx-----	Fish spear-----
Bobcat-----	Digging stick---
Fox-----	Tobacco (wild)--
Big skunk-----	Pipe-----
Little spotted skunk	Fish net-----
Mink-----	Pack basket-----
Deer-----	Cooking basket--
Elk-----	Baby basket-----
Mountain sheep-	Food (grub)-----
Wood rat-----	Meat-----
Gopher-----	Dried meat-----
Ground squirrel	Acorn mush-----
Chipmunk-----	Manzanita berries--
Gray squirrel--	I or me-----
Head-----	Mine-----
	You----- Yes---
	Yours----- No----



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November 19, 1929

Col. G. W. Stewart  
Sacramento, California

Dear Colonel Stewart:

Again I feel the necessity of bothering you.

On looking over my notes on the Indians of Mill Creek Valley near Dunlap, I find that the Indians living there referred to a related tribe higher up to the East or North East at places designated by them as 'Number 3' and Number '4'. As these do not appear to be township numbers, I came to the conclusion that they may be lumbering camps. They would seem to be in the near neighborhood of General Grant National Park.

Do you happen to know about this? If so, I shall greatly appreciate the information.

You will be glad to know that Mrs. Merriam is now walking about the house with a cane and uses one crutch only on the street.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Stewart,

Very truly yours,

By the way, do you know where Fisher's Ranch is or was in the Choo-nut country?



Mr. P. Martinelli  
Lagunitas, California

November 25, 1929

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Your letter came several days ago, but I have only just been able to have duplicates made of the keys. These I am sending you by registered mail herewith.

You were not able to get into the kitchen. You never have entered the kitchen from the rear, as I have always kept it locked and bolted on the inside. The way to the kitchen from the rear is by way of the storeroom on the left. The door of this storeroom is fastened by chain and padlock, the chain passing through the jamb of the door. I thought I had given you the keys to both padlocks but may have been mistaken. Not remembering which keys fit these two padlocks, I am sending you duplicates made of all four keys.

Have you had much rain so far, and has any leak occurred in the house?

Thus far we have had a very open winter with only a little more than an inch of snow.

You will be glad to know that Mrs. Merriam has gained a good deal and is now able to walk with the help of a cane, though when she goes outside she takes one crutch also.

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My daughter Zenaida and her husband (M. W. Talbot) have taken an apartment in a comfortable building about a mile and a half northwest of us. They are both well.

With best wishes to Earl and all the rest of you, in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,

If for any reason you are still unable to get into the house, please let me know as soon as you can.

Nov. 27, 1929

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, would say:

Miss Lilian Mc Clain began work for me on October 8, and for a long time worked HALF DAYS ONLY. She had not finished work for someone else and asked if she might work for me forenoon going to her former employer afternoons. I agreed.

At the end of the month I asked her to add up the half days and full days to see how many days she had worked, and then to phone your office to ascertain the amount due, and make out her voucher accordingly. This she did.

I did not question it and had nothing to do with it, leaving it entirely to her and sending you the voucher just as she had prepared it.

Her memory seems to have slipped a cog.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Bigelow  
Sawyers Bar, California

November 30, 1929

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow:

Your letter of November 22, along with your precious vocabulary, arrived late yesterday afternoon. You cannot imagine my delight at receiving this material. You certainly have done a fine piece of work getting so many words and writing them so nicely and with the pronunciation of the vowel sounds so clearly indicated.

Mrs. George must be a treasure, and you certainly have shown great industry and perseverance in getting so much material from her and writing it so carefully.

Some years ago I obtained an excellent vocabulary from Mrs. Grant, then living at Butler Flat, and supplemented it by additional material from a man of the same tribe, so that I have reliable material before me for comparison with the vocabulary you obtained from Mrs. George.

So far I have not had time to study the vocabulary, but from hasty examination it appears to be a slightly divergent dialect of the language spoken on lower Salmon River. Both these dialects are very close to the Shasta as spoken in Scott Valley--the tribe calling themselves Ke'-kahts and E'-reo-i'-choo-ish.

Probably it is too late to obtain the position of the boundary between the Shasta and the Salmon River people. Naturally,

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one would expect it to be the high divide between Scott Valley and the Salmon.

You certainly did a large amount of real hard work obtaining and writing this vocabulary, for which I am deeply indebted. But I do not believe in working for nothing and therefore am sending you herewith an additional check for \$30.00.

Just at present I am overwhelmed with another job, but as soon as possible I will study this vocabulary and undoubtedly will want to ask you a few more questions.

With best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

*Thomas A. Bigelow*



November 30, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Treasurer  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of November, amounting to \$68.27, along with salary vouchers for Miss Dorothy Grover, Stenographer-Secretary (\$175), and Mrs. Zensida M. Talbot, Assistant, (\$25.00). Kindly pay all of these from the Harriman Fund, as usual.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington

Expense Account for November, 1929

Nov. 6	Eastman Kodak Stores, Washn., Photo prints	1	84
6	Gabriel Moulin, San Fran., Photo prints	2	4 30
8	Journ. Mammalogy for 1930		2 75
12	Allen's Press Clippings, Clippings 3 mos. (Oct.-Dec.)	3	9 00
25	Edward Eberstadt, N. Y., Vigilance Comm. & Indian Affairs Calif., Ann. Rept.	4	4 57
30	T.A. Bigelow, Sawyers Bar, Calif., Services securing vocab. Salmon River Indians	30	00
	Paper fasteners and pins		73
	Electric current, Oct. 16 - Nov. 15 1/3 of \$7.70	5	2 57
	Gas, Oct. 25-Nov. 25 (\$19.30) 1/3 of \$19.30	6	6 43
	Housecleaning office rooms, month of November		3 50
	Car fares		30
	Stamped envelopes and postage		2 28

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December 5, 1929

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribners' Sons  
New York City

Dear Mr. Perkins:

It is good to know that you have secured a really fine picture of Denali. I shall be glad to see it--and any others that are worth while. It is not clear from your letter whether you obtained the one mentioned from the National Parks Service or the Forest Service. These are located in different parts of the city and are under widely different Departments of the Government. Both should be written to for photos.

On December 2 I sent you by express galleys 1-65 of the proofs with copy, and today am sending <sup>by express</sup> galleys 66-91--all received to date.

About the map: Have you obtained transfers from the Geological Survey? And are you in touch with a draftsman who knows how to make mountains look like something besides worm tracks? Unfortunately most people are not educated to read contour maps and fail utterly to grasp the meaning of those made by the Geological and Engineer Surveys.

I am mortified to find it necessary to make so many corrections on the proof. The trouble is that the original manuscript was such a preliminary draft that although I had it typed three times, it was impossible to put it in shape for the press before I left Washington for California--more than a month late.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Shuman*

December 5, 1929

Dr. F. W. Hodge  
Museum American Indian  
New York City

Dear Dr. Hodge:

The October number of your interesting Indian Notes contains the brief mention of a collection of Indian baskets of "Eastern Mono, Washo, and Panamint Indians" (p.417).

I am writing to inquire what you mean by the term 'Eastern Mono'--not being familiar with any tribe or group of tribes of that name.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Shuman*



Mr. F. F. Latta  
Tulare, California

December 5, 1929

My dear Mr. Latta:

Very many thanks for your letter of November 16 and for your kindness in sending me 'UNCLE JEFF'S STORY' in book form. Being somewhat familiar with the region of which it treats and with some of the tribes mentioned, I have found it of enormous interest. The material relating to the Cho-e-nim-ne Indians appeals to me particularly, for the reason that I obtained some years ago a very good vocabulary of the language of this tribe.

Among the several tribes of Yokut Indians visited by me were the Takche at their home near Tulare Lake, where I had the good fortune to photograph a group of the old people alongside one of their remarkably interesting tule-mat houses.

Like yourself, I have seen several of the small boat-like rafts made of bundles of tules, but have never seen nor heard of the large kind described by you.

It is discouraging to learn that the supervisors of Tulare County decline to make the small appropriation necessary for the establishment of a County Museum--a decision that will be deeply regretted by the children of these same supervisors.

Just now I am completely overwhelmed with other work, but a little later shall try to comply with your request to send

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you a few notes on the interleaved copy you took the trouble to send me.

It would be superfluous to tell you what a notable and important contribution you have made to the ethnology of the Valley Indians in obtaining and publishing this material.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison -



December 5, 1929

Mr. T. Crane  
Colusa, California

Dear Mr. Crane:

Very many thanks for your trouble and courtesy in writing me in regard to some of the old Indian Rancheries along Sacramento River. I am obliged for the suggestion that additional information may be had from Mr. Charles de St. Maurice, of Colusa. I am writing him by this mail.

Thanking you for your kindness in the matter,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

December 5, 1929

Mr. Charles de St. Maurice  
Colusa, California.

My dear Sir:

For some years past I have been working at intervals among the Indians on Sacramento River, and have made a special effort to locate the sites of their former rancherias. Mr. Crane, of the Colusa County Bank, informs me that you may be able to help me in this matter. If so, I shall be greatly obliged.

I am anxious to ascertain the location of as many as possible of the former Indian villages and mounds from old Munroeville and Jacinto south to Knights Landing. During past years I have obtained from the Indians at Wi-ter-ry, Kah-chil, and No-wid-dehe (near Grimes), the locations and names of a considerable number of their villages, but they allude to numerous others which I was not able to locate.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

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December 6, 1929

Mr. Fred M. DeWitt  
620 Fourteenth Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your recent book catalogue. You evidently have a remarkably full series of publications relating to California.

From your list I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me, if not already sold, the following:

Ferguson, Charles D. The Experiences of a Forty-Niner during a Third of a Century in the Gold Fields. Chico, 1924. Reprint of 1888 edition. \$1.50

Tuomey, H. and Emperan, L. V. History of the Mission, Presidio and Pueblo of Sonoma, 1923 \$1.00

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Anderson*



December 6, 1929

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar  
114 Sansome Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

It is with genuine regret that I am obliged to disappoint you in regard to the article you wish on California grizzlies for the next number of Sierra Club Bulletin.

I am still at work on Sheldon's Alaska book and shall be for some time to come. The type bed is very large, and I have already read and sent back to Scribners 91 galleys. Should guess that this will make approximately two-thirds of the book. When the rest of the galley is read and the page proof is attended to, there will still remain the captions and placing of about 150 illustrations; so you can easily appreciate that my time for an indefinite period ahead is fully accounted for. Much as I regret this, I don't see any help for it.

The grizzly bear material has been in my files for some time. I shall be only too happy to put it in shape for publication as more pressing work permits.

With best wishes and kindest regards to your mother and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 6, 1929

Dr. J. G. Lipman  
Dean, Agric. Experiment Station  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Lipman:

Replying to your recent letter in regard to the Quetico-Superior Council, would say that when I was invited to become a member of its Board of Advisors I consulted with Dr. E. W. Nelson, late Chief of the U. S. Biological Survey, and with one or two others, and on their recommendation permitted the use of my name.

The object of this Association, as I understand it, is to press for a large International park and game preserve along the United States-Canada boundary west of the Great Lakes. I have not looked into the details, but regarded the project as a worthy one.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 7, 1929

Miss Nellie V. Sanchez  
6032 Harwood Avenue  
Oakland, California

My dear Miss Sanchez:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter asking for help on the Indian names for a new edition of your book entitled 'Spanish and Indian Place Names of California'. I had misplaced your book, which has just come to light this morning. Furthermore, I have been overwhelmed by proof, of which I have already read 91 galleys--with more to come.

In this connection, do you not think you have erred in saying too much--have given too much space to the discussion of uncertainties, and have been too generous in accepting material and quoting statements which obviously are erroneous--or at least far from substantiated?

It is out of the question for me under present pressure of other work to take the time necessary to do a fairly satisfactory job on these names. However, here are a few memoranda:

Cahto: This word, preferably spelled Kahto, commonly accepted name of an Athapaskan tribe in Long Valley, Mendocino County.

Castac: Name of a village, not a tribe, in Tejon Pass.

Chowchilla: Given on page 233 under the obsolete name Moquelunman, but on 367 referred to Yokut. The name is that of a well-

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known river. Unfortunately, Indians of two widely distinct linguistic stocks claim it--one, a Mewan tribe (practically the same as that in Yosemite), the other a Yokut village.

Coloma: Referred to as a division of the "Nishinam family".

The word 'Nishinam' (various spellings) is not the name of a family but of the southern group of the Mida stock.

Colusa: The city and county are named from the tribe and former village of Kolu, usually pronounced by the Indians as 'Koroo'.

Cosumne: Instead of worrying over the meaning of the word, why not merely say: the name of a wellknown tribe who gave the early Padres much trouble and for whom the river was named.

Gueroc: From Wenock, a little valley and lake in the territory of the Tuleyome Indians of Lake County.

Los Guilicos: Named from the so-called Willikos or Willok village.

Shasta: There is no longer uncertainty about this name. Under the forms Shaste, Saste, and Sastika, it is in common use by Klamath, Modoc, and Pit River tribes for the Indians usually called Shastes. But it is not their name for themselves.

Napa: The publication of Dr. Vallejo's mythical derivations of Indian names is one of the misfortunes we have to contend with in the history and ethnology of the State. It's a very great pity that they ever got into print.

Suscol: A good Indian name, but why call it Moquelunman? It was Pooewin.



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Sotoyome: Given by you as "a former Chumash Indian village near Santa Inez Mission". This error probably came from a confusion with the name Sotonoenu. The name Sotoyome was used by Englehardt, Thompson, Barrett and others for a southern Pomo tribe of the Healdsburg region. A few years ago the white people of Healdsburg almost carried a majority vote in favor of changing the name of Healdsburg to Sotoyome. The first part of the name seems to have been that of a chief--I am not aware that it has been used in a tribal sense by the Indians themselves.

Suisun: Name of a former Indian village near the site of present Suisun-Fairfield. Your remark that the religious capital of this tribe was at Napa had better be omitted, for the reason that the Suisones or Pocewin were a different tribe from those living at Napa.

Tamalpais: What a pity that you quoted the foolish statement of Dr. Vallejo after giving the correct meaning of the name! It might be added that the word Tamal, in the language of the tribe to whom the mountain belonged, meant not only 'hay' but 'our country'.

Ussel: Ussel Creek was the boundary between the Pomo and Oc-kot-on-till-ka tribe, the latter belonging to the Yukean stock.

Wahtoque: Wahtoke, used as a place name and also as that of a creek, was the name of a powerful Indian chief or medicine-man.

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I would like to revise what you say about Yosemite, but it is impossible under present pressure of time. But I hope you will correct the statement on page 322 that Major James D. Savage belonged to the U. S. Army. On the contrary, he obtained his title of Major locally. He was a cold-blooded brute.

Regretting that it is impossible for me at present to help you further in relation to names of Indian origin,

Very truly yours,



December 10, 1929

Dear Dr. Hodge:

Thanks for your letter in reply to my inquiry in regard to your use of the term 'Eastern Mono'. I am familiar with the reference you give--and many others of like import.

Some 15 or 20 years ago I looked into the history and use of the word Mono and tabulated, with authors and dates, between 40 and 50 references.

From time immemorial the name Mono has been applied by several California tribes of the Mewuk and Midco stocks to the Shoshonean tribe of Mono Lake and northward, commonly called Northern Piute. Sixty years ago Ross Brown stated that Mono Lake "derives its name from the tribe of Indians originally inhabiting the vicinity (Resources Pacific Slope, p.303, 1869).

In 1851 the name was used in a tribal sense by Dr. L. H. Bunnell, and also appeared in California newspapers. In the course of time it came to be extended southward to cover the western Monache tribes--those of the west slope of the Sierra--particularly the one on North Fork San Joaquin.

This stretching of the name <sup>mono</sup> to include the Monache Piute tribes of Owens Valley and the west slope of the southern Sierra is a matter of serious regret. Anthropologists who have published on these tribes have overlooked the important differ-

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ences between the so-called Northern Piute from Mono Lake northward, and the Monache of Owens Valley--including its derivatives on the west slope of the Sierra.

Thus far I have failed to find published recognition of the important fact that the Shoshonean tribes of the west slope of the Sierra came from the Monache of Owens Valley, not from Mono Lake. In fact, the two groups are separated on both sides of the Sierra by an east-west line passing between Mono Lake on the north and Owens Valley on the south. The application of the term 'Mono' to both the Mono Lake Piutes and those of Owens Valley results in a confusion of two quite distinct sets of people, thus tending to obscure anthropological nomenclature.

The term Monache in my judgment should be applied and restricted to the Owens Valley Piutes and their derivatives on the west slope of the Sierra. The Sierra tribes properly coming under this head are the Nim of North Fork and their near neighbors, the Yianche; the Holkoma of Pine Ridge north of Kings River and their relatives the Kokohéba of Sycamore Valley; the Entim-bitch of Mill Creek near Dunlap; the Woponutch (or Wopungwitch) a little higher up in the same region; the Wuksáche of Eschom Valley; and the Padócsa or Patwisha of Three Rivers.

The name Monache, as a supertribal designation for the Piute tribes of Owens Valley and the west slope of the Sierra, has been in use from time immemorial by Yokut tribes of the southern part of San Joaquin Valley, by the Shoshonean Newoosh



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of the Tehachape-Piute mountain country, and by the Tubotelobel of Kern Valley; and, used in the same sense, has been published at repeated intervals for nearly 70 years.

In view of the above facts, would it not be better to abandon the name Mono altogether, and to stick to the use of Monache for the Owens Valley-Sierra group?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Dr. F. W. Hodge  
Heye Museum Am. Indian  
New York City

December 23, 1929

Mr. A. M. Winslow, Secretary-Treasurer  
Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Club  
Drawer P, University Station  
Seattle, Washington

My dear Mr. Winslow:

It is a pleasure to learn from your letter of the 11th instant that 'The Murrelet' in future is to be a printed publication. For years I have been hoping that this would be done. The journal has always been of interest and value, and I personally am very glad that the ornithologists who constitute the great majority of members are willing to publish material on mammals of the Northwest. I have often quoted parts of this material in my files relating to North American mammals.

It was a good move also when the class of complimentary members was abolished, for the reason that those of us who are really interested in your organization and publication are only too glad to contribute the small annual dues.

With best wishes to yourself and to the Club,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

My check for \$4.00 in payment of dues for two years is enclosed herewith.

December 23, 1929

Dear Mrs. Sanchez:

Glad to know that my hurried notes on Indians were of some assistance to you and regret that I had not time to give you more.

You ask about the 'Mariposa Battalion'. That is the name Major James D. Savage gave to his bunch of Indian butchers.

With best wishes and the compliments of the season,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Mrs. Nellie V. Sanchez  
6032 Harwood Avenue  
Oakland, California



December 23, 1929

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Thanks for your invitation to attend the lunch given by the Society to the Geological Society of America and associated organizations, at the National Geographic Society's home at 12:45 Saturday, December 28. If practicable, I shall be glad to be present.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

December 23, 1929

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

May I call your attention to the desk light on the platform of the auditorium where the Society's lectures are held? This light, at least the right-hand end of it, projects far enough to be exceedingly annoying to the hundreds of people whose seats are on the right-hand side of the hall. Shining between the audience and the head of the lecturer, it is often impossible to see the lecturer's face and many times interferes with a clear view of the picture.

If the desk were rotated slightly, or a low shield placed at the end of this lamp, it would be a great blessing to a material part of the audience.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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December 23, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Treasurer  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

In accordance with our conversation over the telephone a few minutes ago, I am enclosing herewith supplementary voucher for \$15.00 in payment of balance due Miss Lilian McClain for services during the month of October, 1929. Kindly oblige me by filling in what the payment is for.

With best wishes and the compliments of the season,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

December 23, 1929

My dear Mr. Perkins:

Many thanks for the illustrations of Denali. Those from the paintings by Sydney Laurence are splendid, particularly the two larger ones in which details of the great mountain are obscured by mist. It is hard to choose between these, and with your permission I will keep them a few days longer.

I assume that artist Laurence would allow us to obliterate the name 'Mt. McKinley' at the bottom of his picture, to be replaced by 'Denali' in the legend underneath--due credit being given him, of course, for the privilege of using the picture.

The two direct photographs from the same point of view but with different light are also impressive, and I should be glad to have one of them appear with the text.

In the introduction which I sent you on November 2 there is a footnote on page 5, the lower lines of which read: "One cannot help feeling that had it not been for these and numerous other overtaxings of the heart he might be with us today."

Mrs. Sheldon requests that these lines be omitted.

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On December 17 I sent you galleys 92-98 inclusive, but overlooked the fact that I was still holding galley 91 to compare with the page proof. This galley 91, along with galleys 99-115 inclusive, I am forwarding today.

As soon as the Christmas rush is over I will go to the Geological Survey to again talk over the matter of the map--on which I spent some time before going to California last summer. You did not say whether or not you knew some one in New York who could draw the map from the Survey's transfer.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



December 26, 1929

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Glad you found matters of interest in my letter of November 11, but I feel the present epistle will disappoint you.

In again looking through my Hoo'-men-twash vocabulary which I got from old Barbara in 1902, 1903, and 1904, I find the following geographic or place names:

San Juan Valley	<u>Trah'-trahk</u> (the valley; used also for any valley)
Salinas Valley	<u>Hes-len</u> (may be people, not valley)
San Felipe Valley (lower part by lake)	<u>Poi-to-kish</u> (meaning by the lake)
San Felipe Valley (upper part or upper valley)	<u>Wel-le-lis-mo</u>
Hollister	<u>Ko'-tre-tak</u>
Fremont (or Gabilan) Peak	<u>Toi-o-tak</u>
Pacheco Peak	<u>Shs'-chok-kah</u>
Santa Cruz Mountains	<u>Mak-sah-re-jah</u> (may be in another language)
High Mts. East--Sierra	<u>Wap-pin-yo-pok-tak</u>

## TRIBE NAMES

Tribe at Santa Cruz	<u>A-kwas-was</u>
Tribe at Santa Clara and San Jose,	<u>Cho-chan-yos</u>
Tribe at Monterey (Carmelaños)	<u>Ah'-ches-ta-kwas</u> (language very different)
Barbara's sister says name of Carmelaños tribe is	<u>Wen'-yah-ren</u>
Tribe on Merced River below the mountains	<u>Ke-trah-che</u>

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From the Kah-koon of Sur I got the following, which I think you already have:

## PLACE AND GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Monterey	<u>A-ches-tah</u>
Carmel River	<u>Wah-cho-stah</u> (or <u>Kar-men-ti</u> <u>wah-chos-tah</u> )
Pico Blanca	<u>Pah<sup>ch</sup>-kah-lah che'-pil</u>
Sur	<u>Kah-koon ti-pe-re</u>
Aguas Caliente (near San Antonio)	<u>Shä-tak'-se'</u> and <u>Hoo'-yah-tak'-se</u>
Tassajara	Sha ?
Place at or near Jamesburg	<u>Hash'-show'-wen</u> (where the <u>Es'-se-len</u> lived)
Sur River	<u>Kah-koon-ti wah-ches-tah</u>
Salinas River	<u>En'-sen-nä-ki wah-ches-tah</u>
Low bare (grassy) mts. about 15 miles E of Monterey on road to Salinas (double top)	<u>Che'-pil Seu'-ker</u>

## TRIBES

Jamesburg near Tassajara Springs	<u>Es'-se-len</u>
"Beyond Tassajara"	<u>Room'-sien</u> ( <u>Room'-se-en</u> )
Sur	<u>Kah'-koom</u> ("Surranos")
Salinas	<u>En'-sen</u>
San Joaquin Valley	<u>Yak'-shoon</u> (=Tulareños)
Salinas	<u>En-ne-sen</u>

## VILLAGES

Jamesburg (home of Esselen)	<u>Hash'-show'-win</u>
Main rancharia at Sur	<u>Kah-koon-tah-rock</u>
" " " Carmel Mission,	<u>Kar-men-ti-rock</u>
Sargent's ranch in Carmel Valley,	<u>Tap-per</u>
Pilarcito	<u>Ro-kos-tah</u>



J.P.H.

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A few years ago I examined Henshaw's manuscript vocabulary of San Antonio Mission in the Bureau of Ethnology. It was obtained by him at Jolon September 28, 1884. Probably you already have this, but in case you haven't I am repeating the village names.

1. Ská-ti-ta-ge was the name of a village of the San Antonio Indians 1-1/2 miles from the Mission of the same name.
2. Tes-so-spek, a village 4 miles NW of Mission.
3. Ko-ic (means flag or bull rush)

Besides these he gives Ho-lûm-ná as the place name of the neighborhood of Jolon, and Pim-ko-lûm as the name of Santa Lucia Mountain. Jolon was Scaú-tém-mak. In addition to these he records the name Le-ma-tam for a tribe "located about 20 miles west of the Mission" of San Antonio.

You seem to feel sure that the bird you call nighthawk is the nighthawk. I am equally sure that it is not. The bird that lights in front of a person in the evening is the pocrwill. It is related to the nighthawk but different in many ways and makes a widely different noise.

Your priceless informant speaks of the piñon or nut pine as growing in the Gavilan Range. The common nut-bearing pine of Gavilan Peak is Pinus coulteri, but doubtless the digger pine (Pinus sabiniana) may grow at lower altitudes on the same range. It loves heat, while coulteri takes a colder climate.

J. P. H.

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It might be worthwhile to find out why Ascencion Cervantes gives a different terminal letter from that given me by old Barbara. For instance, for 'bear' Barbara gave me Or-desh. You give O-reg. For 'cottontail' Barbara gave Yur-deh; your informant, Yu-ren. For 'crow' my word is Sar-di; yours, Sa-ri. For tobacco I have Mat-tret; you have Mat-trer.

You are in a hurry for this, and in order to get it off tonight I must close now.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

Mr. John P. Harrington  
272 Lane Street  
New Monterey, California



December 26, 1929

Mr. Fred Lockley  
1243 E. Stark Street  
Portland, Oregon

My dear Mr. Lockley:

In looking over your list 603 which arrived two or three days ago, I note the following titles which I shall be glad to purchase if not already sold:

Northwestern Fights and Fighters by Cyrus Townsend Brady,	\$3.00
The Century, November 1890 to April 1891	\$6.00
A Journal of Voyages and Travels by D. W. Harman, 1903	\$1.75

Please send these books to me, together with the bill.

Very truly yours,

CHM/dg

December 27, 1929

Mr. J. R. Barr, Editor  
Rod and Gun in Canada  
Summerside, P. E. I.

Dear Sir:

The January number of 'Rod and Gun in Canada' has just arrived, but only a single copy. Your journal contains so many articles of interest to me, and so many times different articles that I wish to preserve are printed on opposite sides of the same page, that I need two copies. Therefore, on December 2, I sent you my check for \$4.00 for two copies of the magazine for 1930.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send the second copy and see that hereafter two copies of each issue are sent me.

Very truly yours,



December 27, 1929

Dear Mr. Harrington:

In writing yesterday afternoon I was so anxious to get the letter off that I did not finish.

You mention a vocabulary you think I have from a woman named Josefa Velazquez. I don't find any such vocabulary. Possibly you refer to the one from Josefa Gonzales of Monterey.

You may know about the Indians on Toro Creek, near San Luis Obispo. If not, you will be glad to learn that three old Indians live there; namely, Ramon Roses, Jose Baylon, and Marie Baylon. If you have not already worked them they would appear to be of enormous importance--when you have finished your present all-important job.

The day before Christmas I received a wonderful Christmas present: a publication by Kroeber entitled The Valley Nisenan. This paper contains a large amount of important material obtained from a blind Indian, 'Tom Cleanse', who according to Kroeber

"was first interviewed by Dr. A. H. Gayton in 1925". His Tom Cleanse is no other than my precious informant, Blind Tom of Pooscone, from whom I obtained a very valuable vocabulary and a lot of other material in 1905 and 1906. This is only one of a number of cases where the pressure of other work, mainly the collection of new material, has so delayed me that others have gained priority of publication.

Hastily yours,

Mr. John P. Harrington  
272 Lane Street  
New Monterey, California



December 31, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Treasurer  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the  
month of December, amounting to \$79.55, along with  
salary voucher for Miss Dorothy Grover, Stenographer-  
Secretary. Kindly pay both of these from the Harri-  
man Fund, as usual.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington

Expense Account for December 1929

Dec. 2	Am. Anthropologist, Vol.31, No.3		1	50
2	Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. for 1930			5.00
2	Bird Lore 1930		1	50
2	Field & Stream 1930		2	50
2	Outdoor Life 1930		2	50
2	N.Y. Zool. Soc. Bull. 1930	1	1	50
2	Nature Mag. 1930		3	00
2	Rod & Gun in Canada (2 copies) 1930		4	00
2	Western Soc. Naturalists (2 yrs.)		2	00
6	Boone & Crockett Club, Hunting & Conservation	2	5	00
7	Eastman Kodak Stores, enlarged photos Calif. Indians:			
	16 enlargements	3	9	00
18	14 " "	4	8	40
20	8 " "	5	4	80
23	Journ. Heredity for 1930		3	00
23	Jaeger, Denizens of the Mts.		2	00
23	Pacific NW Bird & Mammal Soc. (Murrelet--2 yrs.)		4	00
23	O'Brien, White Shadows in the South Seas		1	00
23	De Graff, Head Hunters of the Amazon		1	00
23	Wells, Six Years in the Malay Jungle		1	00
23	Akeley, In Brightest Africa		1	00
23	Havemeyer, Ethnography		5	00
	Index cards and cotton for binding			65
	Electric current, Nov.15-Dec.17 1/3 of 9.93	6	3	31
	Gas, Nov.25-Dec.26 1/3 of 9.40	7	3	39
	Cleaning office rooms, month of December		3	50
			79	55

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January 4, 1930

Mr. Joseph Dixon  
Museum Comparative Zoology  
University of California

Dear Mr. Dixon:

In winding up the proof-reading of Sheldon's forthcoming book on the Wilderness of Denali I find myself worried about a few species, and am making bold to ask for your help.

Sheldon several times mentions waxwings and chickadees. I assume that the waxwing was the Bohemian, but as to the chickadee am not so sure. Could it have been P. septentrionalis, or must it have been the Hudsonian? He did not mention the Hudsonian, but was so familiar with the eastern bird that, had it been the Hudsonian, he surely should have been struck by the difference.

Have you published anything on the birds aside from the discovery of the surf bird's nest and the brief article in the Mt. McKinley National Park Bulletin?

Do you remember whether both the balsam poplar and the aspen occur in the region? Sheldon has plenty to say about the cottonwoods along the bottoms, and also mentions contorted thickets higher on the mountain slopes. Could the latter be tremuloides?

I should have written you before, but have been so overwhelmed with the proof, of which already 386 pages have been received, that I have put off writing. The thing will go to press very soon, so if you can help me I shall be very glad if you will write as soon as practicable. With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

January 6, 1930

My dear Mr. Perkins:

Herewith I am returning <sup>(Special Delivery)</sup> the four photographic prints you sent me of paintings of Denali by Sydney Laurence.

In my judgment the choice for the frontispiece lies between the two large ones--the one with the dashing river occupying the entire foreground, the other with the great mountain towering high and showing whiter and more distinct than in the other.

If the reproduction must be in black and white, I should prefer the latter--the one in which the summit appears higher and more distinct. But if it can be reproduced in color, I feel that the one with the river in the foreground and the tall tree on the right would prove the most satisfactory, for the color doubtless would bring out the summit of the mountain more distinctly.

Have you ascertained from the painter whether he would be willing to allow the title at the bottom ("Mt. McKinley, Alaska") to be painted out?

As to the two photographs of the mountain from the same viewpoint but taken at different hours of the day, I have no decided preference, though feeling that the one framed with the

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blue ruling, if enlarged to the size of the book page, would perhaps be the more impressive of the two. However, the other one brings out the massiveness of the mountain and might make a clearer reproduction. Either will be satisfactory to me for a text figure. <sup>(I am a great lover of the subject.)</sup> Use your own judgment.

Mrs. Sheldon writes me that she has sent you a portrait of Sheldon by Hollinger of New York. The print of this which she sent me is very dark, and I must say that I do not like it. Unless the print she sent you is much better than the one sent me, I should regret <sup>using</sup> it. For another thing, it seems too youthful. I have not seen any photograph that does him justice, but of the two, prefer the one by Bachrach used by Nelson in his article on Sheldon in American Forests and Forest Life. However, Mrs. Sheldon, of all persons, is the one <sup>most likely</sup> to decide.

Page proof to 353 came a day or two ago. As soon as Preble returns his copy I will return <sup>all of</sup> mine to you, so that corrections for the revise may be under way. When the revise comes we will complete the index. I am rather particular in the matter of indexes, believing that they should not only avoid blocks of page references, but also that they should be discriminating and supply the reader with means of finding quickly the subject matter sought. Many indexes, I regret to say, lead only to catch words, carrying no clew to the actual material on the subject looked for.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart



January 9, 1930

Mr. Arthur Newton Pack  
President, Am. Nature Assoc.  
1214 16th Street, Washington

Dear Mr. Pack:

Thanks for your invitation to attend  
a showing of wild life films at 8:30 on the  
evening of January 14 at the Nature Building.  
I shall be very glad to be present.

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM/dg

January 9, 1930

Dr. F. W. Hodge  
Museum of the American Indian  
Broadway at 155th Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Hodge:

Your letter of December 11 came duly and would  
have brought a reply at once had it not been that I was,  
and still am, swamped in proof reading.

You express the wish that I would publish my  
data on the Shoshonean tribes of California, including the  
names by which they are known to other tribes. That material  
has been nearly ready for publication for many years, and I  
hope to complete it before the end of the present year. How-  
ever; if there is any particular information along this line  
which you need at any time, I might be able to send it to  
you promptly.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*



January 9, 1930

Mr. Farley Gannett  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Farley:

It was kind of you to send a line of remembrance a few days ago, and I would have written at once except that my nose has been deep in a big job of proof reading.

Not long ago I met May and her husband at one of the Geographic lectures, and they were good enough to bring me home in their car. They were both looking fairly well.

As you know, your father and mother were among our most esteemed friends. We often feel lonesome for them and others of the old standbys. Most of the present members of the scientific group in Washington are strangers to us. Should you ever come this way we shall be mighty glad to see you.

With regards to your wife,

As ever yours,

*C. Hart*

January 9, 1930

Mr. J. P. Barr, Editor  
Rod and Gun in Canada  
Summerside, P.E.I.

Dear Mr. Barr:

Thanks for the missing second copy of the January Rod and Gun which reached me a few days ago.

No, I can't comply with your request for an article on the fox industry. This is not in my line, and I am overwhelmed with pressing work.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

CHM/dg



January 9, 1930

Mr. Fred Lockley  
1243 East Stark Street  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Lockley:

The Brady's N.W. Fights and Fighters and the Century, November 1890-April 1891 inclusive, have arrived, for which I am enclosing my check for \$9.00.

Kindly send a receipted bill. You have forgotten to do this lately, much to my annoyance as I am supposed to furnish receipted bills with all my Smithsonian accounts.

Very truly yours,

January 9, 1930

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Herewith I am returning by express pages 1-329 of Sheldon's Denali, and expect to send the remainder day after tomorrow.

In regard to Sheldon's portrait to be inserted in the text of my preface or introduction, it has just occurred to me that inasmuch as Mrs. Sheldon prefers an earlier photograph and I a later one, we might compromise by using both--printing one on each side of the page. Neither is very good, but apparently he never had a good photograph.

Hastily yours,



Dear Mrs. Sheldon:

January 10, 1930

Since writing the enclosed, your letter from New York has arrived.

From the business standpoint it seems to me unfortunate not to use Laurence's painting of Denali as a frontispiece, particularly since no really satisfactory photograph of Sheldon has been discovered.

In regard to proof corrections: I think you do not realize the rough unfinished condition of the original manuscript, and possibly you do not remember that I had the whole book (about 600 typed pages) typewritten three times, making 1800 pages of straight typing (or with the carbons 5,400 pages) in order to make the corrections necessary for smooth and reasonably correct reading. But even so, much more work was needed; and as last June I had already delayed more than a month in setting out for California on my season's field work, it was impossible to have it copied <sup>again</sup> a fourth time--without delaying another year--which none of us wanted to do.

Some things are inevitable, as for instance death, taxes, and proof corrections--all of which are expensive.

I have acted on the assumption that both you and I are most anxious to have the book published in as good shape as practicable--to make it worthy of its author, and to avoid criticism <sup>by reviewers</sup> of details. It has been necessary therefore to make a considerable number of corrections in the proof, and the end is not yet. This sort of thing is by no means unusual. In a book published by a Washington author last

year I happen to know that the proof corrections alone cost more than five hundred dollars.

When a monument is erected to the memory of any worthy person it is assumed that the cost will be considerable.

And is it not true that a monument in the form of a book is likely to be of more lasting influence than one of brick or stone?

Two or three years ago I paid out of my own private pocket the sum of eighteen hundred dollars for the publication of a small volume embodying the result of investigations that seemed worthwhile to put on record, although the cost was in no sense an investment. In the case of Denali, I have a suspicion that in the course of time you will find that the publication has not been a bad investment.

The map has not yet come to a head. The man who had expressed willingness to undertake it died last summer. I had supposed that Scribner's would have some one in New York competent to do the work. But as they seem not to know what to do about it, I have again taken it up here and hope to have something definite to report in a few days.

With best wishes and kind regards to yourself and your mother,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hall*

Mrs. Charles Sheldon  
% Mrs. W. C. Gulliver  
1148 Fifth Ave., New York



Mr. Edwin D. McKee  
Park Naturalist  
Grand Canyon, Arizona

January 10, 1930

Dear Mr. McKee:

The December number of Nature Notes from the Grand Canyon contains, like its predecessors, various items of interest to me, and also one or two things that I distinctly don't like. For instance, the article on Rug Weaving by E. W. Count is admirably illustrated for the weave and contains other items of interest, but spells 'Navaho' with a 'j' and uses the much detested word 'squaw' instead of 'woman'.

The word 'squaw' for woman came from the language of New England Indians. But to the many tribes of the West it is utterly unknown except as a term of degradation applied to them by white men. Our western Indians without exception, so far as my experience goes, regard the term as an insult and strongly resent its use. In our language we have no word that I would care to put on paper that conveys the contemptible meaning western Indians understand by its use.

The spelling of 'Navaho' with a 'j' would be all right of course if the word were of Spanish origin, but inasmuch as it is an Indian name why should English-speaking people imitate the Mexicans by using a foreign alphabet? Our Government some years ago abandoned the 'j' in Navaho, Mohave, and other Indian words having the 'h' sound. And even the Spanish Padres--who use Spanish forms wherever justifiable--have given up the 'j' in writing these words.

With kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. McKee and yourself, in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,



Dear Mr. Harrington:

January 13, 1930

Your letter of the 5th instant came Saturday evening the 11th, and now the first thing Monday morning I will reply.

As to the basket names:

Your Hom-ron for openwork basket shaped like a dishpan was given me as Ho-mah-run, a general term for baskets.

Your Loop-yoo for packbasket I wrote as Loop-pe-u.

Your Book-shoon for a choke-mouth trinket basket I got for any small mush or soup bowl.

Your Til-lay for water bottle I didn't get at all, but in its place Oo'-shin.

Sah-wee seems to be the openwork packbasket.

Your Tip-rin for the winnowing tray I got as Te-pe-re.

Your Sim-ren for the large flat coiled tray (apparently the meal tray) I didn't get at all. Neither did I get either Tip-shin or Wahr-sahn.

Your Wahl-heen for the snowshoe-shape winnowing basket (apparently Piute style) I got in the form Wal-lah-hin--but for

a mush bowl. I incline to think that your informant is right. It might be well to question her again about this.

You inquire as to the Indians I wrote you about as living on Toro Creek near San Luis Obispo. Yes, they are there at present, but are in danger of being evicted. A man by the name of Marre claims that they are on his property, and he wants to kick them off.

With best wishes in your good work,

As ever yours,

Mr. J. P. Harrington  
272 Lane Street  
New Monterey, California

*C. Hart Merriam*



January 13, 1930

Mr. Daniel H. Newhall  
100 E. 42nd Street  
New York City

Dear Sir:

In looking over one of your catalogues that came before my return from California, I find several titles of publications which I should be glad to purchase if still on hand, as follows:

206. Mansfield, Geo. C. The Feather River in '49 and the Fifties.  
Oroville, 1924 \$1.00

295. Round Valley Indian Reservation in California. Report of Commissioners. 1874. 43rd Cong., 1st Sess. Senate. 47 \$1.50

296. Royce, Josiah. California from the Conquest in 1846 to the Second Vigilance Committee. Boston: 1886. \$2.50

The Overland Monthly: numbers for April, June, August, and December, 1872; April and August, 1873; and January, May, and June, 1874. and December 1874.

Should also be glad to purchase the Atlantic Monthly, part of Volume 33, containing pages 313-323--"Aborigines of California, an Indo-Chinese Study". Boston 1871.

Very truly yours,



January 13, 1930

Dear Mrs. Sheldon:

Thanks for your kind letter of the 11th instant, just received.

Two things in it please me very much--one that the portrait you sent Scribner's is so much better than the copy you sent me; the other that you have decided to use for frontispiece a colored reproduction of Sydney Laurence's great painting of Denali. I may be badly mistaken, but I firmly believe that the use of this splendid painting in color will increase the sales of the book by hundreds of copies.

As to the map: I have arranged with one of the map draftsmen of the Survey to make a tracing of the part we want, <sup>to show me</sup> and a sample of his shading to bring out the principal mountains. The rest of the relief can be very lightly indicated, as you suggest, but we do want the mountain to stand up.

The portrait of Sheldon, it seems to me, should face the beginning of my article about him, ~~in the front of the book~~

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Mrs. Charles Sheldon  
1148 Fifth Avenue  
New York City



Col. Geo. W. Stewart  
Sacramento, California

January 13, 1930

Dear Col. Stewart:

Please pardon my unpardonable delay in not thanking you before for your great kindness in sending me copies of the Delano Record containing the first printing of Latta's Indian articles entitled 'Uncle Jeff's Story'. These were reprinted in book form some time ago, and Latta was good enough to send me a copy of the book. Nevertheless, I am extremely glad to have the first printing of this material as it appeared in the Delano newspaper; for this I am greatly indebted to you.

The substance of the material dictated by 'Uncle Jeff' relates to his early life as a boy among Indians on Kings River; and by a curious coincidence deals mainly with the Cho-e-nim-ne tribe--a tribe with whom I worked and from whom I obtained a vocabulary many years ago. On checking up a lot of the words obtained from 'Uncle Jeff' and published by Latta, I was much pleased to find that most of them agree with mine. It is as surprising as it is important that Latta should have secured this story from the old man just before his death.

In your letter of November 23 you promise to try to find out about the location of "Number 4" near General Grant Park. Have you succeeded in locating it? I think it must have been on the upper part of Mill Flat Creek [not Mill Creek], or on one of its upper tributaries.

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As to the Choo'-noot (Chu-nut): In 1902 the Wik-chum-ne told me that the Choo'-noot were on Fisher's Ranch, the exact location of which you have kindly sent me on the Land Office diagram. On the other hand, the Choi'-nook were located at Farmersville. May not the confusion of these two names account for the trouble you have had with them?

Mrs. M. still continues to improve in walking ability, going up and down stairs without a crutch by hanging on to the banisters. We hope that Mrs. Stewart is entirely recovered from her flu.

I am still reading proof of Sheldon's book, but the end seems to be near at hand.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



January 14, 1930

Mr. Alvin G. Whitney, Secretary  
State Museum  
Albany, New York

My dear Mr. Whitney:

Can you send me a publication by Mr. Shaw  
on Skunks, and also a copy of Harper's Notes on  
Adirondack Mammals? One dollar in payment is en-  
closed herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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January 14, 1930

Hon. William Spry, Commissioner  
General Land Office  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Spry:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will  
kindly send me two copies each of your most recent  
maps of the states of California and Nevada.

I should also greatly appreciate two  
copies of your uncolored base of California, in  
order that I may plat the distribution of California  
Indian tribes.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



January 14, 1930

Hon. John R. White, Superintendent  
Sequoia Nat'l. Park, California

My dear Mr. White:

Can you give me the location of 'Number 4',  
said to be near General Grant National Park? I as-  
sume that it was the designation of a lumber camp some  
years ago.

From what I learn from Indians I infer that  
it was on or near the headwaters of Mill Flat Creek,  
northeast of upper Mill Creek. Doubtless you can put  
me straight on this. If so, I shall be greatly ob-  
liged.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

January 14, 1930

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Yours of the 8th received. For the common  
manzanita of the San Juan region old Barbara gave me  
the name Choo-toosh.

Unfortunately, I got very few plant names  
from her for the double reason that I could not talk  
Spanish, and was not able to obtain specimens to  
show her.

Hastily yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Mr. John P. Harrington  
272 Lane Street  
New Monterey, California



Mr. Lawrence C. Wroth, Librarian  
John Carter Brown Library  
Providence, Rhode Island

January 14, 1930

My dear Sir:

In overhauling a stack of old papers, I have just come across your letter of June 25, 1928--at which date I had already left Washington for my season's work in California.

I had written you, inquiring about certain correspondence in the early '50's between General John Russell Bartlett, in charge of the Mexican Boundary Commission, and an artist named Henry B. Brown. I had come into possession of a few letters and a number of pencil sketches by Henry Brown and was, and still am, anxious to learn as much as possible in regard to his movements in California and everything connected therewith; also anything relating to Major Redding, at whose ranch he stayed for some time.

You were kind enough to offer to have photostats of these letters sent me, at my expense. I shall be very glad to have these, and of course to pay whatever they may cost.

You mention also two portfolios of pencil drawings, wash drawings, and water-colors by various hands, used in connection with the illustrations in Bartlett's 'Personal Narrative'. If any of these are additional to those published in the 'Personal Narrative' I am wondering if you would be willing to loan them

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to me, sending them by express heavily insured at my expense. I would return them of course in a week or two.

Regretting the accident by which your letter was mislaid for so long, and thanking you for your kind attention in the matter,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



January 14, 1930

Major R. Y. Stuart, Forester  
Forest Service  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to send me a  
copy of Sudworth's Catalogue of Forest Trees,  
latest edition? If so, I shall be greatly  
obliged.

Kindly send also a copy of your latest  
directory of Forest Service people.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

Original Defective



January 14, 1930

Hon. Senator Peter S. Norbeck  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In regard to Senate Bill 2908 for the protection of Bald Eagles over hundreds of thousands of miles of territory, from the Arctic Ocean to the Tropics, I beg to express my hope that it will not pass.

I am strongly opposed to sweeping non-discriminating legislation of this sort--legislation covering nearly a whole Continent and out-lying islands, without regard to present and future local conditions.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*  
(For 25 years, Chief U.S. Biological Survey)

January 14, 1930

Hon. August H. Andresen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

In regard to House Bill 7994 for the protection of Bald Eagles over hundreds of thousands of miles of territory, from the Arctic Ocean to the Tropics, I beg to express my hope that it will not pass.

I am strongly opposed to sweeping non-discriminating legislation of this sort--legislation covering nearly a whole Continent and out-lying islands, without regard to present and future local conditions.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



January 14, 1930

Dr. John Richard May  
South Main Street  
Cohasset, Massachusetts

My dear Doctor May:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your  
biographical sketch of Edward Howe Forbush, and  
also Part 3 of the Land Birds of Massachusetts,  
both of which are of much interest and value to  
me.

You certainly have done a kindly and  
worth while service in their preparation, and  
in seeing them through the press.

With appreciative thanks,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



January 16, 1930

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

My dear Mr. Perkins:

Herewith I am returning pages 330-386 of Sheldon's page proof, along with corresponding galley.

I have been to the Geological Survey again this morning to see about the Alaska map, which I put in their hands a few days ago. Their draftsman expects to finish it very soon. I will forward it to you with whatever comments seem necessary.

Hastily yours,

C. Hart

January 16, 1930

Mr. Arthur Newton Pack  
Editor, Nature Magazine  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pack:

The February number of Nature Magazine arrived today and contains much of interest. I particularly appreciate your pictures and article on the mountain lion--in your account of which I was greatly interested a few evenings ago.

But your full page advertisement in the front of the magazine appalls me. I refer of course to the one entitled 'Christian Psychology', in which much is said about 'the Kingdom of God,' 'Jesus', and so on. This led me to expect a few pages of advertisements on quack medicines, but doubtless they are postponed to a future number!

It is hard to understand how your excellent paper could be induced to defile its pages with such offensive rubbish.

Trusting that such a mistake may never occur again, and with best wishes for the continued success of Nature Magazine.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart



January 16, 1930

Dear Preble:

This morning began cheerfully with a brief visit from you. This was soon followed however by the receipt of the February number of Nature Magazine, which I immediately opened, and was horrified to see the shocking advertisement on the opening page. One cannot help wondering whether this sacrilegious rot about "Jesus" and the "Kingdom of God" was put in with your approval or, owing to the pressure under which you have been working of late, it slipped by without your knowledge. The double-headed portrait on the left is not labeled. Was it intended for God or for Jesus? It may be assumed, I suppose, that the Holy Ghost is lurking somewhere in the background.

Turning from this overwhelming calamity to a lesser sin, I would like to ask why the word

'cacti' is used in an article on cactuses--it not being the name of one of the higher groups, or of a genus, or of a species. It was used, I remember, by a real Botanist: namely, J.N. Rose, from which circumstance he was commonly dubbed 'the Cacti Rose'.

Trusting that you are properly penitent, and that hereafter you will pass the superstitions of by-gone ages and stick to natural history,

As ever yours,

*Chas. Rose*

Mr. E. A. Preble  
Nature Magazine  
Washington, D. C.



COPY

January 17, 1930

Dear Mrs. Sheldon:

Thanks for your very kind letter of the 14th.

All along I've had the feeling that this Denali book was to be a fitting tribute to Sheldon's splendid work in Alaska-- a monument to his energy, perseverance, and accomplishment; and that the cost was too trivial to be considered. I assumed that the frontispiece would be the finest obtainable, and that there would be several plates of game animals by Rungious, in addition to more than a hundred full page reproductions of Sheldon's own photographs, placed where they belong in the text.

When I learned that it was to be made up as just an ordinary commonplace book, without any colored plates, and with belittling reductions of his photographs printed 4 on a page and stuck in without the slightest regard to where they belong --having no relation to the nearby text--I must confess that I had a sickening depressed feeling from which I've not yet recovered.

Another book on hunting and travel in the Mt. McKinley Park region is about to be published I'm told, with many illustrations. Mr. Yard has been to the Geological Survey and the National Park Service searching for a map for this book, which is coming out in New York--I was told by the MacMillans.

With love to the girls,

Very truly yours,

I spent this forenoon again at the Geol. Survey going over the map with regard to both relief and lettering, and am promised something for Monday.



January 18, 1930

Mr. Madison Grant  
101 Park Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Grant:

Your letter of the 16th instant is at hand. Glad to hear from you after this long interval.

Replying to your inquiry about the bear population: So far as the United States is concerned I have no means of knowing, but would refer you to the estimates of the Forest Service--for they try to keep track of the big game in the various National Forests.

Nor have I any means of even guessing at the numbers of grizzly and big brown bears in Alaska. Judging from accounts, both seem to be unnecessarily abundant in most parts of the territory within their respective habitats.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*

January 18, 1930

Mr. Alvin G. Whitney  
Secretary, State Museum  
Albany New York

Dear Mr. Whitney:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in returning my check and in sending me the complimentary copies of publications of the State Museum on <sup>Birds and</sup> Adirondack Mammals, and also of papers on the activities and food of Skunks.

It is 43 years since my last visit to the Adirondacks.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*



Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

January 22, 1930

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Herewith I am sending you by express prepaid and insured the map of McKinley National Park to serve as base for the map you are to have drawn for Sheldon's Denali. It consists of four sheets covering the same ground:

1. The original base of the Geological Survey map, with a certain amount of shading added to bring out the relief--as I am sure you will not use the contours.
2. A tracing on tracing cloth, showing the relief (partly in soft shading, partly in hashure) as a help to the man who will make the map.
3. Another tracing on tracing cloth to show the lettering that should go on the finished map. This tracing laid upon the map, will show exactly where the lettering in each case is to be placed, but the lettering itself is roughly drawn, merely to show just what names are to be used and where they are to be placed. The final lettering of course should be of a size to reproduce clearly when the map is reduced for publication, which I assume will be slightly less than two-thirds size of present base, or about  $16\frac{1}{2}$  (or  $16\text{-}3/4$ ) inches longest way (up-and-down). Then it will go in the book with one north-south (up-and-down)

M.E.P.

fold, the east-west breadth taking care of itself.

4. Another copy of the Geological Survey base with: (a) scale of miles pasted on bottom; (b) names stricken out as not necessary for this book; (c) names (in red) used by Sheldon for various features. This is my personal copy and I should like it returned later. It may be helpful to the man who draws the map.

Hastily yours,

*C. Hart*



January 22, 1930

Mr. Maxwell S. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Herewith I am enclosing galleys 125-130 inclusive of the Denali book, thus if I am not mistaken, completing everything but the index--and this we are at work on.

The last page proof received from you was page 386, which came on January 4 and was returned to you January 16. Shall be glad to receive page revise of the whole book as early as may be, in order to complete the index and unload the job.

No proofs of illustrations have been received.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Sheldon*

January 22, 1930

My dear Mrs. Sheldon:

Mr. Gerald Fitzgerald brought me today the map he has been working on for the Sheldon book, and I am sending it to Mr. Perkins at Scribner's. I am enclosing herewith his bill for \$25.00 for this work, which I regard as a very low cost for so much effort.

The map consists of three parts:

1. A relief map built up from the Geological Survey base, comprising the Park area, with the mountains shaded to bring out the relief.
2. A tracing on tracing cloth, giving the relief in the form in which most map printers prefer.
3. Another overlay on tracing cloth, showing the lettering to be put on the map as reproduced.

With these I am sending also the copy of the same Geological Survey base that I have used and on

which I have written the more important names used by Sheldon himself--in most cases bestowed by him--and which will now become a part of the geographic nomenclature of Alaska.

With these, the person who puts the final map in shape for publication should have no difficulty.

I assume that the map will be reduced to two-thirds the size of this base, for insertion as a folding map in the book.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Charles Sheldon  
Milton, Massachusetts



January 23, 1930

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Last Fall you suggested that the page entitled 'Personal Memoranda' be omitted from the introduction to Sheldon's Denali. If this is agreeable to Mrs. Sheldon, you may leave it out. But the page giving the localities in which Sheldon hunted should be retained.

Can you tell me when I may expect proof of the first part of the book, including the introduction; and when I may expect the page revise of the volume? I am exceedingly anxious to unload this book, on which I have been at work for more than a year, in order to clear decks for my regular work.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 23, 1930

Mr. Arthur Newton Pack  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Pack:

While we cannot gather up spilled milk, nevertheless it is a satisfaction to know that you share with me the abhorrence so many of us feel in regard to that unfortunate advertisement in the last number of Nature Magazine. There can be no question that an unfortunate advertisement of this kind is a positive injury to the Magazine, and that in the long run it is likely to lessen rather than increase its income.

Nature Magazine certainly serves a most useful purpose and cannot fail to be a potent influence in shaping the interests of the upcoming generation.

With best wishes for its continued success,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 23, 1930

Mr. Will C. Barnes  
Secretary, U.S. Geographic Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Barnes:

You are very kind to notify me that the Board at its meeting on January 8, named a peak for me in the Sierra Nevada of California.

I appreciate the kind feelings that prompted the action of the Board in this matter, though I should have preferred the usual postponement until after my demise. However, inasmuch as the Board has seen fit to take this action, I feel gratified that they have chosen a mountain in a region in which I have done a good deal of field work.

With best wishes and appreciation of your kind offices in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 23, 1930

Dr. George Otis Smith  
Director, U.S. Geological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Smith:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me copies of your 1927 and 1929 editions of the Alaska maps, which you designate as 'Map C' and 'Map A'. I should be still further obliged if you will kindly have sent to me the shaded relief map of Alaska, the exact title of which I do not know.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



Mr. Earl Martinelli  
Lagunitas, California

January 25, 1930

Dear Earl:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant, just received. I am very glad to know that you have burned the brush on our place, and for it I am enclosing herewith check on Crocker Bank for \$10.00.

You doubtless remember the bunch of bay trees on the east side of our house--the bunch from which your father and you boys took out several last year. As I remember it, three or four remain. One of these is very much larger than the others. If you and your father feel like tackling this one some day when you have nothing better to do, I will give you \$10.00 for causing it to disappear.

It was good news that you gave me about the rain. It certainly was needed. We have had plenty here, and also more snow than we enjoy; in fact, at present the whole city is covered with snow and ice except on the main thoroughfare streets, where it is worn off.

Mrs. Merriam has gained so much that she is now able to walk without a crutch--a great joy to us all.

Zenaida and her husband are now here for the winter.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,



January 23, 1930

Dr. L. J. Cole  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Doctor Cole:

Thanks for your letter of the 25th instant, informing me that at the recent meeting of the American Society of Naturalists my name was placed on the roll of honorary members. This of course is a wholly unexpected compliment, due largely, I assume, to the antiquity of my origin.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

January 28, 1930

Mr. Gerritt S. Miller  
U. S. National Museum  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miller:

Through the usual official distribution of Smithsonian publications I have received a copy of your interesting paper on Mammalogy and the Smithsonian. Many thanks for your kind remarks in regard to my part in putting the study of American mammals on a little better footing than it had earlier.

If you have copies to spare I should be very glad if you could send me a couple more of this paper, and also of other of your mammal separates published during the past two or three years--for I find that I have not received these.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs.

Miller,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



January 28, 1930

Dr. Alexander Wetmore  
Asst. Sec'y., Smithsonian Inst.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Wetmore:

Many thanks for your very recent paper entitled 'A Systematic Classification for the Birds of the World'.

You are a bold man and do not shirk work involving much study and years of research. The outcome strikes me as one of the best examples I have seen of multum in parvo.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 28, 1930

Mr. Lawrence C. Wroth  
John Carter Brown Library  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Wroth:

Thanks for your kind letter of the 21st instant. I shall be very glad indeed to have the photostats of the Bartlett-Brown letters.

In regard to the drawings: In the early '50's Henry B. Brown made a lot of drawings and preliminary sketches of Indians and <sup>their</sup> dwellings in Sacramento Valley, California. Some years ago I came into possession of a considerable number of these--probably in the neighborhood of a hundred. They are the only drawings known to me showing the Indians <sup>of this region</sup> in their native scanty costumes, and also the earth huts in which they dwelt, along with certain articles such as baskets, acorn caches, and decoy ducks.

For many years I have been working with the remnants of the Sacramento Valley tribes, taking photographs of the survivors, and collecting vocabularies and other information from them--all of which I am hoping to publish in the not distant future. Feeling that Brown's sketches in the possession of your Library might supplement those already in my files, I have been hoping that I might be permitted to use some of them.

Not having seen any of those in your Library, it would be difficult to make a selection. If you could without too much trouble give me a general idea of what your sketches represent and the names of the places or Indian villages where they were made, it would be a help.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, and hoping that you have fully recovered from your recent attack of the grip,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 29, 1930

Mr. W. A. Dayton  
Plant Ecologist, Forest Service  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dayton:

In compliance with your request of the 24th instant, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the paper you ask for, entitled 'Type Specimens in Natural History', and along with it two other papers in which you may find something of interest.

No, I don't remember your father, although I doubtless knew him fifty years ago, as he was then a co-student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. I am an old man now, and my memory has faded--particularly in regard to the names of people.

Very truly yours,



January 31, 1930

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Treasurer  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the  
month of January, amounting to \$82.65, along with  
(\$180) salary voucher for Miss Dorothy Grover, Stanographer-  
Secretary. Kindly pay both of these from the Harri-  
man Fund, as usual.

I have not yet received your annual state-  
ment in regard to the Harriman Fund, and assume that  
you have been too pressed with more urgent matters.  
There is no particular hurry.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington

Expense Account for January 1930

Omitted from December Account:			
	Car and Bus fares C.H.M. and Asst.		2 60
	Stamped envelopes and stamps		1 75
	Proc. Wash. Acad. Sci. for 1930		5 00
	Canadian Field Naturalist for 1930		2 00
	Express chg., books from Portland, Oregon		1 99
	Express chg. New York		49
Jen. 2	Fred Lockley: Brady's Northwestern Fights & Fighters	1	9 00
2	Century, Nov. 1890-Apr. 1891		5 00
8	Am. Anthropologist for 1930	2	1 50
9	Daniel H. Newhall, Round Val. Ind. Res. Calif.		10 00
13	Quarterly, Calif. Historical Soc. for 1930		4 85
14	New Process Co., fountain pen	3	3 75
17	Chas. G. Stott & Co., case paper towels		3 00
20	Proc. Biol. Soc. Washn. for 1930	4	5 00
21	Bryant, H.C., Outdoor Heritage		11 00
24	Science and Scientific Monthly for 1930		1 40
25	Gabriel Moulin, San Francisco, photo prints		1 00
28	Verkes, R.M., Chimpanzee Intelligence	5	2 62
29	Electric current, Dec. 17-Jan. 17	1/3 of 7.85	2 27
	Gas, Dec. 26-Jan. 20	1/3 of 6.80	3 53
	Envelopes and postage		1 40
	Car and Bus fares		3 50
	Cleaning office rooms, month of January		
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C. Hart Merriam  
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Dr. Roland B. Dixon  
Peabody Museum  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

February 1, 1930

Dear Doctor Dixon:

I am about to publish an article on the New River tribe, on which so little information is available.

Since writing you I have again visited the informant Saxy Kid, and have obtained from him 35 words and also his names for several of the surrounding tribes. But the misery of it is that six of the <sup>subject</sup> words published by you in 1905 are different from those obtained by me, so that except for the single word kinnux for head, there seems to be nothing to check by.

In 1905 you published six words, and in 1907 a material number, supposed to be Konomihu. These, as I think I wrote you a few years ago, differ radically from the Konomeho words obtained by me. Still more recently I have had the good fortune to obtain a fairly respectable vocabulary of the Shastan language spoken on the middle and upper parts of the forks of Salmon River. It proves to be a dialect closely related to Shaste and Konomeho [not your "Konomihu"].

This seems to establish two important facts, namely that your vocabulary is not Konomeho, nor is it the tribe of the upper forks of Salmon. Previous comparisons showed that it has nothing to do with Hoopa, Karok, Chemareko, Wintoon, nor any other of the

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neighboring tribes. Therefore it seems to me that it must be New River. The over-shadowing misfortune is that, of the subject-words given by you, I was unable to get in New River more than the single word already mentioned.

Believing that my 22 undoubted New River words added to your published list <sup>supposed to be</sup> Konomihu constitute a valuable addition to knowledge, I would like to publish your list in the exact form in which you printed the words in the Bulletin of the American Museum in 1907, and in a parallel column give the forms of these words in phonetic English.

As I am perplexed as to the proper transliteration of some of your words, I am taking the liberty to enclose herewith a rough copy of yours with a parallel column giving what is intended to be the same words according to the sounds of the English alphabet.

In addition to these, the seven New River words published by you in 1905 are <sup>enclosed</sup> on a separate sheet. If you will kindly correct the mistakes and return the five pages to me, I shall be very greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,



	As written by Dixon	As written in phonetic English
Indian	kis'apuhīyu	kes' ah pū hē' yoo
Wild Indian	iksin'ahutqe	ek sen' ah hut kwe
Head	kīna	kē' nah
Eye	kīoi	ke' oe (or ke' oi)
Back	kiki'watitxop	kē' kē wah tet' hōp
Hand	kipoman	ke' po mahn
Legs	kahāmesēkanātsxsu	kah hā' mah sē kah - nāts' hsoo
Hair	tī'āwai	tī' ā' wi
Stingy	kūxiwīwi	kū' he wē' we
House	innokwayig	en' nok wah yeg
Water	kumma	kum' mah
Lake	tī' inēpxau	tī' en' ahp hau
Creek	kinapzig	ken ahp' heg
Rock pinnacle	tī'poi	te' poi

	As written by Dixon	As written in phonetic English
Mountain	kip	kep
Saddle of mountain	hēmau	hā' mau
A flat	pāwi	pā' we
A ford	haūna	hau' nah
A trail	kī'enōm'	kī'an ōm'
Stone	quāsūnip	kwā' sun nep
Obsidian	kī'etspai	kī'at spi
Sand	kit'uts	ket'uts
Night	qumma'ētī' au	kwum mā' tī' au
High	pāk' wai	pāk' wī
Straight	isabunnatūtstūkum	es' ah bun nah tūt - sū' kum
Ugly	atanēwig kipxawi	ah tah nā' weg kep' nah we
Grizzly bear	kēmka'tsinēau	kām kāt' sen ā au
Coyote	qōmūtsau	kwō moot' sau
Fox	kī'putska	ke' put skah



	As written by Dixon	As written in phonetic English
Ground squirrel	kīpnikawats	kēp nek ah wahts
Bat	kitcūnuni	kech ūm'oo ne
Frog	k!utswatin	k!uts' wah ten
Newt	tapākan	tah pā'kahn
Salmon	yāhni	yān ne
Trout	sāhawai	sah hah wī
White fir	samaka	sah mah kah
Cedar	kinaxo, qoā'	ken' ah'ho, kwoā'
Spruce	qohīma	kwo hē'mah
Hazel	zaskipāma	'has' ke pā mah
Brush	kit̄sa	kēt sah
Eat	tammāhawē	tam mā' hah wā
Where do you come from?	tcāma hāyi	chā' mah hā ye
Who is that?	kīpahāpo	kē pah' hah po
I'm afraid of him	kīpīsinikwai	kep' es en e kwī

	As written by Dixon	As written in phonetic English
I'm sorry	aiyukiyātc	ī' yuk e yāch
Come here	mātikina	mah te ke nah
Look over	kisnitiknīma	kes' ne tek nē mah
Go away	kīts!iyatsau	kēts!e yah tsau
Go away. I'm just going to hit you	yīs' anamnās yāsamati tcapātītākya	yēs' ah nahm nās yās' ahm ah te chah pā tet ak yah
I'll hit you	assēhēpannahap	ahs sē' hē pan nah hahp
Come down	kīpāk'hau	ke pāk'hau
Get down	k!ihītsinnihauwē	k!eh ēt sen ne hau wē
Let's run a race	quāhapūās	kwah' hah pū ās
I'll run too	k!wihimati ts!ats!au	k!wē' he mah te ts!ah' ts!au
Look up this way	qōhīma qwāma	kwā hē' mah kwā' mah
I met him there	qī'si put'sup	kwā' se put' sup
Cedar is soaking	kinaxo k!ūpatsi- pāqua	ken' ah'ho k!ū' paht- se pā' kwah
Who cut that off?	tcapāti tāxēs'	chah pā' te tā' hās'
Who licked that off?	tcapāti nīphit t' aiās	chah pā' te nep' net t! iās
Wild onion	tāawanak	tah' ah wah nahk



New River

	As written by Dixon	As written in phonetic English
Eye	ki'oi	ke'ue or ke'oi
Head	kin'hux	ken'nuh <sup>h</sup>
Teeth	kitsau	ke'sau
Man	ge'ic	ge'sh
Water	ga'ats'	ga'ts
Salmon	kittun	kettun
Wood	ga'au'	ga'au'



February 4, 1930

Mr. D. Henson  
Rod and Gun Limited  
Gardenvale, Quebec

Dear Sir:

Must I write every month in order to obtain the two copies of Rod and Gun, for which I sent my subscription (\$4.00) December 27?

You can see by the letter I wrote December 27 that I had to write to secure two copies of the January number. Today I received one copy of the February number, and am obliged to write another letter in order to have the two copies. Can you not arrange this on your mailing lists so that two copies instead of one will be sent me regularly?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*

*Kidley and the other 1/2 of Feb 1930*

February 4, 1930

Dear Mrs. Abbot:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me that interesting clipping from a Charleston paper in regard to a death ceremony for an old Navaho medicine man, said to be on the point of taking place at or near Oraibe. I am glad to have it.

Elizabeth is still gaining and does some walking without a cane. We trust you are all well and happy.

As perhaps you have heard, Washington has been visited by a real old-fashioned snow storm.

More than a foot fell on the city, and lay deeply for several days. The warmth of yesterday and the rain of today have carried nearly all of it off.

Elizabeth joins me in love to yourself and the girls.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*

Mrs. F.V. Abbot  
Summerville, S. Carolina



February 4, 1930

Cashier  
Crocker National Bank  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check for  
\$100 on the National Metropolitan Bank of this  
city, which kindly place to my account in the  
Crocker Bank, and oblige

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



Mr. John R. White, Superintendent  
Sequoia and General Grant Nat'l. Parks

February 10, 1930

My dear Mr. White:

Very many thanks for your trouble in locating "Number 4". I fully appreciate your courtesy in this matter, and am very much obliged for the Tehipite quadrangle showing the position of the old camp.

My particular interest in this locality is that it was the site of an Indian rancheria, and I did not know that Indian villages extended so high up into the mountains in this region, although I do of course know about the one at Hospital Rock.

If you or Judge Fry can tell me of the sites of any other old rancherias in this general region, I shall be very greatly obliged.

For many years I have been mapping the distribution of the various California tribes, and have worked mainly in the northern parts of the State, from the Yosemite northward, although some years ago I mapped the distribution of tribes in Southern California.

Along the west slope of the Sierra, from the North Fork region south to the Kern, I have mapped all the tribes, but am not sure about most of their inter-tribal boundaries.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

February 10, 1930

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Proof of Sheldon's Denali, pages 387-404 inclusive, ~~was~~ <sup>on February 5,</sup> returned ~~herewith, along with~~ <sup>is enclosed herewith.</sup> The proof of my Introduction--which I see you have labeled 'Foreword'. Some time ago you wrote me that you thought it's title should be 'Introduction'--to which I agreed.

Do you not think that Mrs. Sheldon's brief note of acknowledgements should go as Foreword?

The title page and contents have not yet reached me.

Now, after seeing the proof of my Introduction, I would suggest that the matter on the bottom part of page xxv, beginning with "Localities in which Sheldon Hunted", to and including the matter on page xxvii, be transposed to follow page 404--all except the paragraph on page xxvi which I have marked to insert just before the last paragraph of page xxv.

Another thing, on December 23 I wrote you that Mrs. Sheldon, on reading the manuscript of my introduction, had objected to the last lines of the second footnote on page xix (the words "One cannot help feeling that had it not been for these and numerous other overtaxings of the heart he might be with us today"). Personally I feel that this should be left in. However, her feelings in the matter should of course be respected.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam



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Very many thanks for your trouble in locating "Number 4". I fully appreciate your courtesy in this matter, and am very much obliged for the Tehipite quadrangle showing the position of the old camp.

My particular interest in this locality is that it was the site of an Indian rancheria, and I did not know that Indian villages extended so high up into the mountains in this region, although I do of course know about the one at Hospital Rock.

If you or Judge Fry can tell me of the sites of any other old rancherias in this general region, I shall be very greatly obliged.

For many years I have been mapping the distribution of the various California tribes, and have worked mainly in the northern parts of the State, from the Yosemite northward, although some years ago I mapped the distribution of tribes in Southern California.

Along the west slope of the Sierra, from the North Fork region south to the Kern, I have mapped all the tribes, but am not sure about most of their inter-tribal boundaries.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

February 10, 1930

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Proof of Sheldon's Denali, pages 387-404 inclusive, ~~was~~ <sup>on February 5,</sup> returned ~~herewith, along with~~ <sup>he enclosed herewith.</sup> the proof of my Introduction--which I see you have labeled 'Foreword'. Some time ago you wrote me that you thought it's title should be 'Introduction'--to which I agreed.

Do you not think that Mrs. Sheldon's brief note of acknowledgements should go as Foreword?

The title page and contents have not yet reached me.

Now, after seeing the proof of my Introduction, I would suggest that the matter on the bottom part of page xxv, beginning with "Localities in which Sheldon Hunted", to end including the matter on page xxvii, be transposed to follow page 404--all except the paragraph on page xxvi which I have marked to insert just before the last paragraph of page xxv.

Another thing, on December 23 I wrote you that Mrs. Sheldon, on reading the manuscript of my introduction, had objected to the last lines of the second footnote on page xix (the words "One cannot help feeling that had it not been for these and numerous other overtaxings of the heart he might be with us today"). Personally I feel that this should be left in. However, her feelings in the matter should of course be respected.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart



February 10, 1930

Mr. Lawrence C. Wroth, Librarian  
John Carter Brown Library  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Wroth:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th instant.

In regard to the drawings, I assumed that some of the pencil and wash drawings mentioned in your letter of June 25, 1928, in connection with Henry B. Brown and J. R. Bartlett, were from the hand of Henry Brown. The absence of his signature would not signify, as in the large number of his sketches in my possession hardly any are signed or have his name attached in any way.

I am glad to know that you will soon send me photostats of two letters from Henry Brown to General Bartlett.

With thanks for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,  
*D. H. H. [Signature]*



February 11, 1930

Mr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

In collecting information relating to extinct tribes in northwestern California, I am anxious to consult the State publications recording the movements of troops, particularly 'California Infantry, 1st Regiment, Co.B, 1861' by Irving B. Cook, and an anonymous book called 'Seventh California U.S.V.' listed by you as F726C154.

The slips asking for these were returned stamped "Not on Shelf". Is there any way by which I could obtain access to them in the near future?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

February 11, 1930

Librarian  
State Library  
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

Recently I have seen a reference to a publication of your Library, entitled 'California Indians, An Annotated List of Material in the California State Library' by Winona McConnell. The reference indicated that this list is printed as a separate from News Notes of California Libraries, Vol.10, No.3, July 1915.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me a copy of this publication with bill for same, and I will remit immediately.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



Mr. Gerrit S. Miller  
United States National Museum  
Washington, D. C.

February 12, 1930

Dear Miller:

Very many thanks for the bunch of separates you were good enough to send me about ten days ago. I am very glad to have all of these, and am particularly interested in those on Mammals of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

But if I were to select the one of greatest interest, you may be surprised to know that it is your revised determinations of Max Schlosser's identifications of a number of fossil mammals. Schlosser has been so long extolled as THE GREAT authority on fossil mammals that it is most interesting to see that he has not proved an exception to the rest of mankind.

I am always glad to have your publications, and in cases where you have enough copies, I should like to have two or three, for the reason that most of them are filed (when I have them) in three different file cases: (1) by subject, (2) by author, (3) by geographic area. Paleontological papers, according to custom, go into the file on fossil mammals.

With best wishes and many thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

February 12, 1930

Mr. George W. Stewart  
Sacramento, California

My dear Mr. Stewart:

Many thanks for your letters of January 10 and February 7. The latter contains the information in regard to Camps 3 and 4 I have been so anxious to secure.

Meanwhile, Superintendent White of General Grant National Park located 'Number 4' for me as on Lockwood Creek a few miles northeast of Hume. This is one of the two locations given you by Mr. Lee, the other at the mouth of Mill Creek Flat. The latter is where I had previously placed it. I was seeking the information in order to determine the location of a former Indian rancheria. *I understand your information was of all of the rancheria.*

You may be interested to know that the Sheldon Alaska book is nearly off my hands, the index going to the printer today. Proofs of the entire volume have now been read.

With many thanks for your trouble,

As ever yours,

C. Hart



Mr. S. Charles Kendeigh  
Baldwin Bird Laboratory  
Champaign, Illinois

February 12, 1930

Dear Mr. Kendeigh:

Your letter of January 27 reached me during great pressure of work, and I have only been able just now to look into the matter.

Bulletin 10 of the Biological Survey, entitled 'Life Zones and Crop Zones', published in 1898, gives the controlling temperatures of the several zones as then worked out by me. But in the table entitled 'Governing Temperatures of the Zones' a serious error occurs in the caption of the column giving the sum of mean daily temperatures controlling the northern limit of distribution. Blanks with the headings given were supplied by me to the Weather Bureau, and the Weather Bureau made the computations. In so doing, they failed to deduct the  $6^{\circ}\text{C}$  for each day, so that the caption of the table and the figures disagree.

I published a correction in Science of January 20, 1899, page 116, and prepared a corrected table for an expected new edition of 'Life Zones and Crop Zones', which, I regret to say, was never published. You may find matter of interest in the original Bulletin 10, a copy of which I had expected to send you, but I am unable to find one among my separates.

So many years have passed since my publications on this subject, and I have been so completely occupied with other matters, that it is impracticable for me to attempt to answer your several questions.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



February 12, 1930

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Herewith I am returning copy for the Index of Sheldon's Denali. It was delivered to me yesterday by Mr. Preble.

To the scientific names as given by Preble, I have added in pen the recognized English names or a "See also" referring thereto.

I am surprised to note the absence of important geographic names, such as Bearpaw River, Moose Creek, McKinley Fork, Kantishna River, Clearwater Creek, Toklat River, Teklanika River, <sup>Tanana River, Neshin River and others.</sup> (and also certain mining camps--as Glacier, and several others. some of which were important hunting grounds for caribou and moose.

I would add these if I had a copy of the page proof, but as you declined to send me this I have nothing to go by. I would borrow Preble's except for the circumstance that he lives several miles out north of the city, and I hardly ever see him.

Very truly yours,  
*C. H. Merriam*

Since dictating the above, your proof of Title Page and Contents has arrived and is herewith returned.



February 13, 1930

Editor, Natural History  
American Museum Natural History  
New York City

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me a set of the numbers of Natural History for 1929 and 1930, so far as issued, and additional numbers as issued.

Please send bill, so that I may remit promptly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 13, 1930

Mr. Maxwell E. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

Dear Mr. Perkins:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will have your printer strike me off, at my personal expense, seventy-five copies of my account of Sheldon forming the Introduction to Denali.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



February 13, 1930

Dr. Herbert Putnam  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Putnam:

In working on the Indians of northwestern California, I am anxious to consult 'Annals of Trinity County' by Isaac Cox, printed in San Francisco in 1858.

Is this book in the Library of Congress? If not, can you tell me where I might consult a copy?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



February 14, 1930

Mr. H.H. Pittman  
Wauchope, Saskatchewan

My dear Mr. Pittman:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing two photographs, one of a porcupine and the other of a series of coyote skins. I am glad to have these, and in payment for same, am enclosing my check for \$4.00--assuming that your former price of \$2.00 each is correct.

The coyote skins show interesting variation, even though the depth of color cannot be shown by photography.

Very truly yours,





February 15, 1930

Mr. Guy Hopping  
Gen. Grant Nat'l. Park

My dear Mr. Hopping:

George Stewart has just sent me your letter of February 7, in regard to the locations of old lumber camps on or near the sites of former Indian rancherias.

You have furnished exactly the information I wanted, and I am very grateful for it and for the trouble you have taken in getting it.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*

February 15, 1930

Mr. George W. Stewart  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I am over-joyed at the contents of your letter of February 9, which arrived after I wrote you a few days ago. The letter from Guy Hopping you were good enough to enclose is full of meat, and seems to clear up the whole matter.

I am obliged also for the Dinuba quadrangle, fixing the locations of the lumber camps - numbers 3, 4, and 4½. I am most grateful for this information.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*



February 18, 1930

Mr. Earl Martinelli  
Lagunitas, California

Dear Earl:

Many thanks for your letter of the 12th instant. I am delighted to know that you and your brother cut the big laurel tree at my house, and that you burned the brush without doing any damage to the surroundings. I am enclosing herewith my check for \$10 in payment.

We have had a good deal of snow here since I last wrote you, and a little still remains on the grass and shady sides of the streets.

Mrs. Merriam continues to improve, and is out walking every day when the weather is not too bad.

With thanks to you, and kindest regards to all the family,

Very truly yours,



February 28, 1930

Mr. Dorr G. Yaeger  
Yellowstone National Park  
Wyoming

Dear Mr. Yaeger:

Your letter of February 10, addressed to me at Lagunitas, California, has been forwarded to my winter address in Washington.

No, I regret to say that since the publication of my report on the mammals of the Hayden Yellowstone Expedition of 1872, I have not had an opportunity to examine additional specimens of the snowshoe rabbit, Lepus bairdi.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 28, 1930

Dr. Chester Stock  
Institute of Technology  
Pasadena, California

Dear Doctor Stock:

Please pardon my long delay in replying to your inquiry of January 18.

You mention Portola's reference to an Indian legend, in which San Francisco Bay was said to have been a fertile valley a long time ago.

A similar story has been told me by some of the Indians of the region, and my futile efforts to find it in my notes is my apology for the long delay in writing. I thought I could put my hand on this record, but so far have failed.

It will turn up some time, but I am sorry that I cannot give it to you now. My memory is no longer what it used to be, so that I cannot even be sure of the tribe.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



February 28, 1930

Dr. David White, Secretary  
National Academy of Sciences  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor White:

Your clerk who sent out material relating to candidates for election to the National Academy of Sciences was just a trifle careless, and in several cases sent duplicates. Three sets of these are returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

February 28, 1930

Mr. Franklin Fisher  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, would say that I shall be very glad to allow Professor E. O. Essig of the University of California, to reproduce by photographs of acorn caches in Yosemite Valley, as published in the National Geographic Magazine, Volume 34, 1918.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



February 28, 1930

Prof. Roland B. Dixon  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor Dixon:

Thanks for your letter dated February 18,  
returning the list of words published by you as  
'Konomihu'.

I regret that you were unwilling to correct any errors I may have fallen into in transliterating into phonetic English the words written by you. You say that you don't understand my scheme. I have no 'scheme', unless you so interpret my practice of writing Indian words according to the phonetic sounds of the English language.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Sturges



February 28, 1930

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Treasurer  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of February, amounting to \$66.62, along with salary voucher (\$130) for Miss Dorothy Grover, Stenographer-Secretary. Kindly pay both of these from the Harriman Fund, as usual.

Am enclosing also bill from Yawman and Erbe Mfg. Company for two four-drawer steel file cases, equipped with spring catch (\$118), which kindly pay direct, and oblige

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

*Kindly send a bunch of return favors  
envelopes attached to your handwritten exp-  
an*

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington

Expense Account for February 1930

		Sub	Voucher	
Feb. 4	Tillotson's Grand Canyon Country			2 00
6	War of Rebellion Records, Ser. 1, Vol. 50, Pt. 1			75
6	" " " " " " " Pt. 2			80
10	Livingston: 1 qt. Sanford's Flp-Gun			1 60
10	Allen's Press Clippings, Jan., Feb., & March 1930			30 00
11	Chas. G. Stott & Co., Manila envelopes, pens & ink			30
12	Barber & Ross, Sharpening steel erasers			80
14	H.H. Pittman, Weuchobe, Sask., 2 photos (Coyote skins and Porcupine)			4 00
14	American Forests for 1930			4 00
15	Ink and library cards			45
19	Bottle Chinese white			25
20	Arthur H. Allen, photostats maps	4		6 00
21	Tamalpais Conservation Club, Calif. Out-of-Doors			1 00
23	Ink, file guides, and spool cotton			40
24	Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.: Magaz. Nat. Hist. for 1929 & 1930			6 00
24	Livingston, 100 Manila folders			2 00
24	Arthur H. Allen, photostats maps	5		3 00
25	Asia Magazine for 1930			4 00
25	The Perfect Calendar			75
	Telephone, Feb. 1-Mar. 5	6	1/3 of 6.42	2 14
	Electric current, Jan. 17-Feb. 17	7	1/3 of 8.93	2 93
	Gas Jan. 20-Feb. 20	8	1/3 of 8.40	2 80
	Car and Bus fares			1 90
	Washing office windows			1 20
	Cleaning office rooms, month of February			3 50
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March 3, 1930

Editor, Mid-Week Pictorial  
New York Times  
New York City

My dear Sir:

Your printer sometimes gets things mixed.

A few weeks ago I noticed a large photograph of a mountain mislabeled, and in your issue of March 1, now before me, a full page picture of a mountain is labeled 'Mount Whitney'. As a matter of fact, it is a restricted view of Mount Shasta from the west, from very near the site of the village formerly known as Sisson but now called Mt. Shasta. The broad canyon facing the observer in this picture I named Diller Canyon thirty-two years ago.

Doubtless others have already called your attention to this transposition of great mountains.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. Jaime de Angulo  
c/o American Anthropologist

My dear Mr. de Angulo:

The January-March number of the Anthropologist has just reached me. In looking it over I am astonished and greatly pleased to find your review of my little book 'An-nik-a-del'.

Of all the reviews thus far published, yours is incomparably the most understanding and appreciative, and I wish to thank you for it.

In case you have any separates of this review, I should greatly appreciate two or three copies. My daughters, one of whom was with me in the Pit River Country during a number of trips in different years and also camped with me at Istet Woiche's place at Big Bend, wish to preserve them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Dr. R. H. Lowie  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Lowie:

May I trouble you to forward the enclosed letter to Jaime de Angulo? I cannot find his address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



March 3, 1930

Institut d'Ethnologie  
University of Paris  
Paris, France

Dear Sirs:

The September issue of the American Anthropologist contains a notice of a document entitled 'Instructions pour les Voyageurs'. From this I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me 'Questionnaire linguistique', parts I and II, with bill for same, for which I will remit immediately.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 3, 1930

Major General George O. Squier  
Metropolitan Club  
Washington, D.C.

My dear General:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending a copy of your important and somewhat startling paper on the Monophone. I well remember when some years ago you took me and a few others to your little laboratory in the forest northwest of Washington, and allowed us to listen to words spoken not only at a distance over land, but also on vessels at sea--the only visible connection being a wire running up a nearby tree.

Your present invention is even more startling, and I hope to live long enough to see it in operation.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



March 5, 1930

Editor, The Chronicle  
San Francisco, California

In your issue of February 6 my friend Hall McAllister makes a protest against the use of the term Suisun for the new twelve million dollar bridge to span the strait at the west end of Suisun Bay. He considers Suisun a name "entirely too prosaic, trivial and crude for such a noble structure". In this I differ with him absolutely.

Suisun is one of California's early and well established names. It is a worthy name--that of the Suisun or Poo-e-win Tribe of Indians who for an unknown period before their persecution by the Spaniards owned an extensive area on the north side of Suisun Bay and the Strait of Carquinez.

For the bridge under consideration Mr. McAllister suggests the names Rialto and Shakespeare. These seem to me horrible. California already suffers from far too many European names. Are we so deficient in self respect and so regardless of our debt to the aboriginal inhabitants that we must cross the oceans for names of objects and places in our own country?

C. Hart Merriam

March 5, 1930

American Nature Association  
1214 18th Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I enclose my check for \$3.00 in payment of subscription for Nature Magazine to March 1931, to be mailed to my grandson, Merriam Abbot, 6 Berkley Place, Cambridge, in accordance with the enclosed bill.

May I call your attention to the fact that several current magazines--The Literary Digest, The Outlook, and others--are more polite than Nature Association in the matter of bills for persons to whom the Magazine is sent as a present. The magazines in question invariably send a circular letter to persons who have subscribed for some one else, stating that the subscription is expiring at a certain time and asking if the person who paid for the original subscription wishes to renew--which usually is the case. You, on the contrary, send a bill to the recipient, thus embarrassing him or her and depriving the person who sent the magazine from renewing the favor.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 5, 1930

Miss Gladys A. Reichard  
Bernard College  
New York City

Dear Miss Reichard:

Thanks for your very polite letter of the 3rd instant. You ask whether I would prefer the Kiowa Tales or the forthcoming Index. Isn't this a good deal like asking a hungry boy whether he would have apple or mince pie, when he is badly in need of both?

I am in the same fix in regard to these two publications, and shall be very much obliged if you will kindly send me the Kiowa Tales at your convenience and have the Index sent me when ready, with bill for same, and I will remit promptly.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart American

March 5, 1930

Dear Mabel:

Many thanks for your letter of February 25, enclosing entertaining clippings about our dear. We sympathize with the complainants and appreciate the cartoon. Our troubles from this source began several years ago, and I suppose may be expected to increase as the unmolested deer become more and more plentiful.

I trust you collected some of the cats, dogs, and frogs that you mention as raining down on Lagunitas last Sunday. They would make a fine stew.

Yes, we expect to go to Lagunitas as usual, and wish we could go very early. Mrs. M. is vastly improved since your mother saw her last Fall. She walks not only without a crutch, but much of the time without a cane, and is gaining all the time though not gymnastically inclined. She and Z join in love to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart American

Mrs. George W. Spalterholtz  
1816 Alameda Avenue  
Alameda, California



March 5, 1930

Mr. Robert C. Cook  
Editor, Journal Heredity  
American Genetic Association

My dear Mr. Cook:

The January number of the Journal of Heredity arrived a few minutes ago, and in hastily glancing through it I am somewhat appalled by the article entitled "Parted Parietals" in Mice. This article is accompanied by an illustration showing a medium gap in the frontals.

If the author doesn't know the difference between frontals and parietals, I would suggest the propriety of either making a hasty study of the bones of mammal skulls or of submitting his manuscript or illustrations to some one who knows something about the subject.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



LITTLE KNOWN TRIBES OF THE SALMON, NEW, AND TRINITY RIVERS IN  
NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

C. HART MERRIAM

Probably no part of the United States is so little known from the standpoint of its aboriginal inhabitants as a small area in the mountains of northwestern California--an area restricted to the drainage basins of the Salmon and New Rivers with adjacent parts of the main Trinity and its South Fork.

Within a radius of forty miles from Hoopa Valley there were in whole or in part the home lands of nineteen tribes of Indians, representing eight linguistic stocks. It is doubtful if in any other part of the world there are in so small an area so many tribes speaking different languages. Most of these tribes are fairly well known, but during the mining days of the fifties and early sixties several of them were practically exterminated by the onrush of gold seekers and the troops called in to help. Indeed, so complete was the destruction that in the case of four of the tribes the few survivors succeeded so well in remaining hidden from inquisitive eyes that not even the names of the tribes were ascertained by anthropologists. However, after repeated visits to the region I have been able to obtain these--in each case the correct name as spoken by its own people.

The tribal names in question are:

For the tribe on New River, Tic-hōm-tah-hoi; for the tribe on the upper branches of Salmon River, Hah-to-ke-he-wuk; for the tribe at the mouth of South Fork Trinity River, Tsē-nung-hwah; for a tribe higher up on South Fork Trinity, immediately south of the Chemareko and west of the Norroluk, Mi-i-ohs. Still another tribe, the Ko-no-mo-ho of lower Salmon River, has been known by name for some time, but the fragment of vocabulary ~~supposed to belong to it and~~ <sup>as Ko-no-mo-ho</sup> published by Dixon in 1907 is that of another tribe.



March 8, 1930

Dr. Clark Wissler  
American Museum Natural History  
New York City

Dear Doctor Wissler:

Your article entitled The Universal Appeal of the American Indian, in the February Issue of Natural History, interests me, and I am charmed by the beauty of the illustrations. Arthur Jansson certainly is a genius in this sort of work.

But I am staggered by some of the legends, particularly that of California Indians. You, in your text, speak of "the California type". Just what do you mean by this? You of course know that there are several very distinct types of Indians in California: the desert Shoshonean Piutes along the eastern border, the Athabaskan tribes of the northwest coast, the Klamath and Trinity River tribes, the tribes of the great interior valley (Sacramento-Joaquin Valley), the tribes of the Sierra foothills, and several widely separated groups in Southern California.

The beautiful picture entitled 'The Indians of California' on page 38, with Mt. Shasta in the distance, appears to represent the northern end of Sacramento Valley, but contains baskets, a mortar, and a rubbing stone foreign to this region--not to mention the tule-covered domed huts. The baby basket worn by the woman

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in the middle-ground is a Pomo type, while the use of the rubbing stone by the woman on the right seems to represent something entirely unfamiliar. In the first place, she is rubbing cross-ways to the metate, and the stuff she is rubbing looks like a pancake or some other kind of dough. It doesn't suggest anything known to me. The stack of acorns is all right but should be accompanied by the acorn leach.

In other words, the picture as a whole is evidently a compound.

The legend under it is certainly most unfair to California Indians. I challenge the initial statement that these Indians are "lower in the scale than other Indians". This is followed by the admission that their basketry "had a considerable degree of perfection and was often highly decorative". Does this not imply an appreciation of art and a textile ability not likely to exist among inferior people? It is stated also that "their development along other lines was limited". Is this not true of all the peoples of the Universe?

Then you go on to say that California Indians are "neither hunters nor agriculturists". If there are any Indians in California who are not hunters I must admit that I have never found them--although I have worked among them for more than forty years and know them from the Mexican boundary to Oregon. That they were not agriculturists is true of the tribes of the greater part of the State, but not true of the desert tribes of the south-



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eastern part. It is stated further "that they never developed a boat", although the fact has been known for several hundred years that the Channel Indians built and used boats.

Do you think that the final statement that their habitations were "hardly more than flimsy shelters made of brush" would apply to the domed earth-houses of Sacramento Valley or to the rectangular houses of hewn planks characteristic of some of the tribes of northwestern California?

I don't mean to be hypercritical, and no one admires these beautiful pictures more than do I. Nevertheless, I feel strongly--and I think you will agree with me--that legends manifestly intended for the public eye should be truthful.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1930

Mr. Wilmot Lloyd  
Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club  
582 Mariposa Avenue  
Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa

Dear Sir:

Kindly send me an extra copy of the Canadian Field-Naturalist for March, and also an extra copy of the April issue when published.

Enclosed is fifty cents to cover cost.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 10, 1930

Mr. P. A. Taverner  
National Museum  
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr. Taverner:

Very many thanks for the batch of separates you were kind enough to send me, which arrived in this morning's mail.

I am very glad to have all of these, particularly the one of the Birds and Mammals of the Mount Logan Expedition of 1925. It is mighty fine to have separates of these useful papers.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
*C. H. Merriam*

March 10, 1930

Dr. R. H. Lowie  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Lowie:

Herewith I am sending you by express <sup>(prepaid)</sup> an article entitled 'The New River Indians, Tlo-hom-tah-hoi', illustrated by a map, and a plate showing two views of the only known survivor of the New River tribe.

If you can publish this in the forthcoming April-June number of the American Anthropologist, I shall be glad to pay for the plate and map, and if necessary might even pay for the entire article.

Can you give me an estimate of the cost of reproduction of the map in color? It should be reduced to about three-fourths present size--or 11-1/4 inches in length. As to the colors: Tribes of the same stock should be in tones of the same color, which means that the three Shastan tribes--Shaste, Konomsho, and Nahtokehewuk--should be in shades of the same color; and the three Athabaskan tribes--Hoope, Tsanunghwa, and Hwilkut--should be in shades of another color. The others should be strikingly different.

I should like 125 copies of the article with accompanying plate and map--at my own expense of course.

Very truly yours,  
*C. H. Merriam*



Professor R.A. Sell  
1236 Rutland Street  
Houston, Texas

March 13, 1930

My dear Professor Sell:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of February 15, in which you make inquiry concerning birds of Alaska. You are planning a three months' trip in the interior, but you omitted to say what part of the interior you expect to visit, so I have no means of knowing the area for which information is needed--nor have I any idea as to what literature you have already consulted.

Most of the earlier papers containing information on birds relate exclusively to the coast, but Dall published fragments of information in 1869, and much more in his volume entitled 'Alaska and Its Resources', published in 1870. This was followed by a series of papers by Ridgway, Elliott, Nelson, Bean, Turner, and others--all relating mainly to the coast region. Then came Nelson's monumental work on 'Natural History Collections in Alaska' (edited by H. W. Henshaw) published in 1887. John Murdoch's report on the Birds of Point Barrow (published in 1885) probably has little of interest for your purposes. Lucien M. Turner's 'Contributions to the Natural History of Alaska' (1874-1881), published in 1886, contains information of interest. Later came several papers by naturalists of the Museum of Comparative Zoology of the University of California, most of which also relate mainly

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to the coast country.

In October 1900 Dr. Louis Bishop published in North American Fauna, <sup>No. 19,</sup> an article entitled Birds of the Yukon Region, and in the Condor of January 1901 Joseph Grinnell published 'Record of Alaska Birds'. In 1902 appeared the official Report of Lt. J. C. Cantwell on the Operations of the Revenue Steamer Naniwak on Yukon River, 1899-1901, with much of interest on birds, and a list of species in an appendix. In October 1909 W. H. Osgood (in North American Fauna) published three articles: Birds of East-central Alaska, Birds of the Ogilvie Range, and Birds of the Macmillan Region. Also in 1909, Charles Sheldon published in the Auk a 'List of Birds of the Upper Taklat'.

In 1914 the National Association of Audubon Societies published a little book by Ernest Ingersoll entitled 'Alaska Bird Life'.

In 1920 Lee Raymond Dice published 'Notes on Some Birds of Interior Alaska' (Condor, September 1920).

The best work thus far written on the natural history of Alaska is to be issued this month by Scribner's. It is a rather large volume by the late Charles Sheldon and abounds in notes on the birds of the Alaska Range and a few other parts of the interior. Its title is 'The Wilderness of Denali'.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 13, 1930

Captain Will C. Barnes  
Secretary, U.S. Geographic Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Barnes:

In looking over the Decisions of the Board for January 8, I find a very nice notice of the peak in the Sierra which the Board has complimented me by naming Mount Merriam.

If you have plenty of these Decisions to spare, I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me half a dozen copies, so that I may distribute them to my children and other members of the family.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 13, 1930

Mr. James Silver  
Committee on Arrangements  
Biological Survey

Dear Mr. Silver:

Your kindly letter of the 11th instant is received. I appreciate your invitation, enclosing complimentary tickets for Mrs. Merriam and myself to attend the coming informal reception on the 19th instant.

I have not been well for several years past and have not been going to functions of this kind--nor do I dance or play cards. But in view of the reasons mentioned in your letter, I feel that it might be considered discourteous to decline. Therefore, unless I am definitely under the weather that evening, Mrs. Merriam and I will be glad to be present.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 13, 1930

Mr. Herbert A. Lee  
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Mr. Lee:

Pardon my long delay in examining the bear skulls you were good enough to send me some time in January. I have not been very well and have been exceedingly busy, so that I did not get to see them until yesterday.

They have not yet been cleaned, but appear to be Ursus sitkensis. After they have been cleaned I will examine them more carefully.

I am turning in a voucher of fifteen dollars for them, in payment of which a check will be sent you from the Smithsonian early in April.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



March 15, 1930

Mr. Fred W. Wilson  
Adin, California

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter reached me all right, but I did not feel competent to answer all of your questions, so I went to the Indian Office and asked them. There is no question about the right to vote. You all have the right to vote.

But as to the taxes: They tell me this depends on how you own your land. If you are on Government land, or if you have an allotment, you do not have to pay taxes. But if you own your land outright and have a legal title to it, you must pay taxes. That is what they tell me at the Indian Office. You are all good American citizens, of course.

Please give my kind regards to Harry George. I had expected to go to the Pit River country again and to see you all, but I was sick and not able to go. I may be able to go next summer, but am not sure.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15, 1930

Mr. Roland S. Reavis  
Glenburn, California

Dear Mr. Reavis:

Your letter of February 26 came several days ago. I am glad to hear from you and know that you are all well.

Answering your question, the Hat Creek and Dixie Valley Indians have the same rights as the Pit River Indians, and the same status under the Government. The law passed by Congress in the Court of Claims matter states distinctly that all Indians whose ancestors lived in California at the time of the unconfirmed treaties of 1851 and 1852 are entitled to share in the award. There is no distinction as to tribes.

I am sorry that I cannot send you any Hearings, as I have not got them. If you know what Hearing you want, you could probably get a copy by writing to your Congressman, Mr. Clarence Lee, but I do not think there are any Hearings relating in any way to your people.

I have not been well for the past two years and have not been able to get up into your country. I hope I shall be able to go up there this year, but am not sure.

Please give my kind regards to your Father and Mother and all my Indian friends in your region.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 15, 1930

Mr. H. H. Pittman  
Wauchope, Saskatchewan

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Thanks for yours of the 6th instant,  
enclosing several small prints of the prairie  
13-line Groundsquirrel.

I am herewith returning all these prints.  
Five I have clipped together as not wanted. Of the  
other three, which I have indicated by marking on  
the back A, B, and C, I should like your usual en-  
larged prints at the usual price of two dollars each.

In all of these cases I assume that the  
right of reproduction is accorded me as heretofore--  
although also as in previous cases, it is doubtful  
if I live long enough to publish them.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



March 17, 1930

Mr. Noah Farnum Morrison  
314 West Jersey Street  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Kindly send me the following publications as listed  
in your catalogue:

82. California (Northern). Notes on the Achemawi and Atsugewi  
Indians of. By Roland B. Dixon. Lancaster, 1908 1.00
154. Dixon (R.B.). Mythology of the Shasta Achemawi. Lancaster,  
1905 1.00
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Indians of Southern California. Berkley, 1908. 1.25
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New York, 1901 1.00
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Berkley, n.d. 1.00
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North America. New York, 1921. 1.00
630. Waterman (T.T.). The Religious Practices of the Diegueno  
Indians. Berkley, 1910. 1.00

Please send your bill for these books when they are  
shipped.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



March 17, 1930

Editor, Nature Magazine  
1214 Loth Street  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Editor:

The frontispiece of the April number of Nature Magazine, received today, gives me a curious sensation. Wouldn't it be worth while to ask the artist if he doesn't think it worth while to learn the difference between a Raven and a Bluejay before he paints his next picture?

But the front cover of this number of the Magazine is magnificent. It goes straight to my heart.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 17, 1930

Mr. Ernest N. Smith  
Editor, American Motorist  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Why do we of the A.A.A. put up lots of money for pretty paintings for the front covers of our journal, to have them defaced by nasty yellow posters bearing the name and address of the member?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 18, 1930

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Notice of the presentation on March 27  
of the Society's Gold Medal to Dr. Hugo Eckener  
has just reached me.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly  
have two tickets sent to my address, 1919 16th  
Street.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



My dear Dr. Angulo:

March 18, 1930

Very many thanks for your courtesy in writing me in reply to my recent letter. I am very glad to hear from you and to know your address, which I have wished for several times during the past few years. I often heard of you in the course of my field work in the Pit River region and wanted to meet you.

What you say about the road to Big Bend amuses me in view of some of the narrow escapes from smash-ups and broken springs I have had on that same road! Letet Woiche doesn't live down at the Hot Springs on the river where he used to live, but on a branch road about two miles this side of the river ~~(and on the west side of the river)~~. It's a rather pretty place, and the road to it from the main road is dry and very good.

I am delighted to know that you and Mrs. Angulo are about to publish a grammar of the Achomawi language. I am not trained for work in grammar, but have collected painstaking vocabularies of most of the tribes of the stock. The Modesse have many words different from those of the Hammahwe and Astah-kewiche.

I expect to spend the coming summer and early fall in California, and hope to meet you. I want to visit the Hamburg region, but when I was there last, most of the old Shaste Indians

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were dead. One good old woman was still there, but talking English was up hill work for her.

A short time ago I sent Dr. Lowie an article on the New River Tlō-hōm-tah-hoi for publication in the Anthropologist in case he has room for it, and I have several other articles on California Indians nearly ready for the press.

In case you receive separates of your good review of Annikadel, I certainly would appreciate two or three copies.

I am sending you herewith an author's copy of Annikadel, and also a copy of my general paper on the Pit River Indians.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Dr. Jaime de Angulo  
2351 Buena Vista Way  
Berkeley, California



Mr. John L. Monday  
Miramonte, Fresno County  
California

March 18, 1930

My dear Mr. Monday:

A short time ago Mr. George W. Stewart sent me a copy of the Dinuba map sheet on which you had kindly indicated the locations of the old lumber camps known as No. 3, No. 4, and No. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , for which I was very thankful.

I have been told also of another 'No. 4', located on the upper or middle part of Lockwood Creek a mile or two south of the junction of South and Middle Forks Kings River. Do you know about this one also? And do you happen to know whether the Indians there belong to the Em-tim-bitch tribe of the Dunlap region, or the Wo-pun-nitch tribe?

Should you happen to know of the location of any additional former Indian rancherias on either the Dinuba or the Tehipite quadrangles I should appreciate the favor if you will kindly tell me where they are. I am wondering if by any chance you happen to know the names of any of these old rancherias.

A few years ago there was a very old Indian in that region, named Captain Jack, whose wife, Nancy Jane Jack, died about the first of November 1919. I suppose the old man is dead by this time. Do you know where he lived? And do you know whether or not he belonged to the Monache (often called Mono) tribe who owned the part of Mill Creek Valley in which Dunlap is situated? And have you any idea how far east this tribe extended?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 18, 1930

Mr. Guy Hopping  
Gen. Grant Nat'l Park  
California

Dear Mr. Hopping:

In looking over my material on the Indians of the Mill Creek region and beyond, I am continually finding holes in my information and am wondering if you can plug one or two of them for me.

A few years ago there was a very old Indian in that region, named Captain Jack, whose wife, Nancy Jane Jack, died about the first of November 1919. I suppose the old man is dead by this time. Do you know where he lived; and do you know whether or not he belonged to the Monache (often called Mono) tribe who owned the part of Mill Creek Valley in which Dunlap is situated? And have you any idea how far east this tribe extended?

I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly tell me or indicate on a copy of the Dinuba and Tehipite map sheets the locations of any old Indian rancherias you happen to know about. I am wondering if by any chance you happen to know the names of any of these old rancherias.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 18, 1930

Mr. M. Hall McAllister  
2436 Jackson Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. McAllister:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th instant. I am very glad to know that you have come around to my point of view in regard to the Suisun bridge.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hall McAllister*

*Enclosed for Mr. McAllister*



March 19, 1930

My dear Deane:

Thanks for yours of the 17th instant. Glad you think well of my notice of Sheldon.

Sheldon had a card catalogue of his library, which he spent much time in annotating. He had thought of publishing it at some future time, but when Doctor John C. Phillips came along with the information that he (Phillips) intended to publish a full catalogue of books on hunting and wanted Sheldon's list with comments, a clerk was set to work on the job and spent I don't know how long in copying Sheldon's titles with annotations for Phillips.

I feel as you do about the library going to Yale, thinking that it should go to New York. But dreading the possibility of its being scattered, I was relieved to know that it had been purchased in its entirety for the Yale Library.

Glad to know that Mrs. Deane is exchanging the wintry blasts of Chicago for the balmy sunshine of Hayward.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Ruthven Deane  
1222 North State Street  
Chicago, Illinois

March 19, 1930

Mr. Richard W. Westwood  
Editor, Nature Magazine  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Westwood:

Replying to your letter of yesterday in regard to the picture of an alleged Raven, would say that among the characters of the genus Corvus given by ornithologists are: "Wing long and pointed. Tail much shorter than wing." Do you and Mr. Horsfall feel that these specifications are fulfilled in the drawing in question?

I didn't know that the drawing was by my friend, Mr. Horsfall, most of whose pictures I appreciate highly.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



Dr. Merriam accepts with pleasure  
the invitation of the President and Board of  
Trustees of the National Geographic Society  
to meet Doctor Hugo Eckener at luncheon at  
the Cosmos Club Thursday, March twenty-seventh,  
at 1:00 p.m.

March 24, 1930.



March 25, 1930

Dr. Robert H. Lowie  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Lowie:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant. Your understanding of my former letter was correct. I am entirely willing to pay for the printing of the article sent you, together with the map, and am hoping to receive proof of both in the near future.

Herewith I am enclosing a short article on the Em-tim-bitch, which also I am willing to pay for in case you find it worth while. I could send an Em-tim-bitch vocabulary to go with it, but have heard that you do not care to publish vocabularies in the Anthropologist.

I have several other articles well advanced toward publication, but maybe you feel that I have already occupied enough space in the Anthropologist. If you do not care for them I will publish them in the Smithsonian Collections.

You perhaps realize that I am getting along in years and feel that it is full time to unload some of the material I have accumulated during the past forty years.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

# THE EM-TIM-BITCH, A SHOSHONEAN TRIBE

C. Hart Merriam

The Em-tim-bitch have been known by name for upwards of three-quarters of a century. Members of the tribe were among the signers of the treaty executed at Camp Belt on Kings River by the Government Commissioner, G. W. Barbour, on May 13, 1851. During the next five or six years the tribe was visited by W. M. Ryer, Major H. W. Wessells, and General E. F. Beale. But until 1904, so far as I have been able to learn, it was not referred to any linguistic stock.

In 1903, when working with Indians in the Kings River region on the west slope of the Sierra, I found members of two tribes--Em-tim-bitch and Wik-tchum-ne--living near the place called Dunlap, in Mill Creek Valley, Fresno County. They told me that the valley belonged to the Em-tim-bitch (Monache Plate <sup>Shoshonean</sup> stock) and that the Wik-tchum-ne (Yokut stock) were intruders from Lemon Cove, a few miles above Visalia. Vocabularies of both were obtained.



In an article entitled 'Distribution of Indian Tribes in the Southern Sierra and Adjacent Parts of the San Joaquin Valley, California,' published in Science of June 17, 1904 (pp 912-917), I correctly enumerated the Em-tim-bitch among the 'Piute' tribes of the west slope of the Sierra.

Three years later Kroeber published an important paper entitled 'The Shoshonean Dialects of California,'<sup>1</sup> in which he gave a useful comparative table of vocabularies of nineteen tribes (pp.71-89). <sup>One of</sup> ~~Among~~ these is the Em-tim-bitch (written by him 'Endimbich')--but the author is silent as to where or by whom it was obtained. This vocabulary, except for easily adjustable differences in alphabet and a few discrepancies, agrees with mine and belongs unmistakably with the Owens Valley or Monache series of so-called 'Piute' tribes.

But on the last page of Kroeber's paper a most unfortunate footnote is added. It reads: "Since the first portion of this paper was printed, Mr. S. A. Barrett has been among the Endimbich, whom he finds to inhabit the territory accredited to 1/Univ. of California Publications, Am.Arch. and Eth., Vol.4, No.3, Feb. 1907.

them on page 120, but to be Yokuts, not Shoshonean Mono." (p.165)

In this statement Barrett was misled by his informant, an old man called both 'Tanner Dick' and 'Big Dick'. His Indian name is Al-al-cha. He is gifted with a sense of humor and when asked by me in 1903 to count ten, repeated the well-known Yokut numerals as spoken by his Wikitchumne neighbors, namely: Yet, Pong-oi, So-a-fin, Hat-po-noi, Yit-ching-it, and so on, but with an unmistakable 'Piute' accent! I complimented him on his knowledge of a foreign language but added that I would be obliged for the words in his own tongue, whereupon he smiled and promptly gave me: Soo-ma, Wah-hi, Pah-he, Wah-t-skwe, Mi-ne-ge, Nah-vi-he, Tah-tsoo-e, Wah-soo-e, Kwan-nek-ke, Sa'-wan-noi.

I then obtained from him in Em-tim-bitch, his own language, a fairly good vocabulary, which I later checked by a woman, and still later, by another man, of the same tribe. There is, therefore, no question whatever as to the relationship of the Em-tim-bitch. In fact, the name itself, to anyone acquainted with



'Piute' dialects, is unmistakable.<sup>1</sup>

The melancholy result of the well intentioned footnote above quoted is that for ~~more than~~ twenty-three years various California anthropologists have complacently accepted the mis-identification of the tribe, thereby referring it to the Yokut instead of the Shoshonean stock.

The Em-tim-bitch is one of the series of Monache-Piute tribes--tribes derived from the Monache-Piute of Owens Valley--which in the long ago filtered through some of the high passes of the Sierra and established themselves in canyons and small valleys on the west slope. These tribes from the north southward are: Nim, Hol'-ko-mah (or To-win-che-ba), Ko-ko-he'-ba, Wo-pom-natch (or Wo-pung-witch), Em-tim-bitch, Wuk-sa-che, Pot-wish-ah.

<sup>1</sup> Kroeber himself evidently had some qualms, for he seems to straddle the fence. On page 480 of his valuable 'Hdbk. Inds. Calif.' he remarks that the Entimbich "have also sometimes been classed as Monos; but a vocabulary of their dialect establishes them as Yokuts." However, on p. 55 of the same volume he admits that "there is some confusion whether they are Yokuts or Mono." And by 'Mono' he means one of a group of related tribes of the Monache-Piute series.

A few years ago Martha Louise Baker in a newspaper article mentioned the En-dim-bitz, Wo-po-noich, and Wuk-sa-chi and correctly placed them as "branches of the Piute tribe"--Fre. R. Republican, Dec. 14, 1924.

Mill Creek Valley, the home of the Em-tim-bitch tribe, is a narrow tortuous and picturesque valley, hemmed in by lofty oak-forested mountains among which several grassy baldish knobs rise well above the trees. The highest mountains are on the northeast where the southern continuation of the lofty Pine Ridge, clothed along its summit with ponderosa pines and sequoias, cuts off from sight the still higher mountains beyond.

There is no white settlement in the valley, Dunlap, in the upper part, being merely the name of a ranch postoffice.

At the time of my first visit, during the latter half of October 1903, the Indians were gathering acorns and had already collected large quantities. All day every day the older women were out getting them. The nuts were carried home in gunnysacks that rested on the back and were held in place by the usual flat band of milkweed fiber (called tew-hahp) which passes over the front of the head and is fastened to the corners of the sack.



The acorns were of three species--the black oak, Quercus californicus; the blue or foothills oak, Q. douglasi; and the large valley oak, Q. lobata. The blue and valley oaks are abundant but the favorite species, the black oak, does not reach down into the valley, so the Indians must go up the slopes for its acorns. The first mush of the season was already cooking and all the women had looped sticks for stirring the hot stones that kept it boiling in the baskets.

One day about two miles above Dunlap I met an old man and a woman gathering acorns. The woman was large and strong, well built though rather fat, and vigorous for her age, with a big head and plenty of character and determination--evidently a person of intelligence and force. She had much to say and said it rapidly and with emphasis, but I didn't understand enough of her language to know what she was talking about. I was told that she had two husbands, and that it is not unusual for an Em-tim-bitch woman to take a second husband when her man

grows old.

The Em-tim-bitch said that in former times they had several large villages scattered up and down the valley, each containing a hundred to a hundred and fifty people. The largest was near the spot where the Dunlap postoffice stood in 1903. A division or subtribe was called Tim-katch.

At the time of my first visit the Indians, except one family, were Em-tim-bitch. The head man or leader was Al-al-chă, commonly called 'Big Dick' or 'Tanner Dick'. The single non-Em-tim-bitch family consisted of Jim Tippeno and wife, his children and mother. They were Wik-tchum-ne and had come from Lemon Cove on Kaweah River.

Many of the Em-tim-bitch owned their own land, much of which was fenced. They were living in rough board houses, owned some cattle and horses, and were much annoyed by white men who pastured stock on their land.

About the end of October 1919 a full blood Em-tim-bitch woman died. She was said to be about eighty years old and went



by the name of Nancy Jane Jack. The other Indians laid her body on the floor and covered it with a white cloth. The women came, with their hair hanging down their backs according to tribal custom, and standing around the body, began the Death Wail-- which was kept up for hours. In former times the death-cry-dance lasted all night, and while the body was being carried around the grave every member of the tribe had to jump over it. This was believed to keep them from dying for a long time.

The men made a coffin of rough lumber and into it put the body, wrapped in quilts, and also her own clothes.

The burying ground had been used so long "that it was hard to dig into the soft earth without digging up a body".  
--Fresno Republican, Nov. 9, 1919.

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March 27, 1930

Professor Charles J. Fish  
Director, Buffalo Museum of Science  
Buffalo, New York

My dear Professor Fish:

Your letter of February 3 came duly,  
and I was glad to hear from you after so many  
years.

In compliance with your request I am  
sending you herewith a photograph of myself  
taken about three years ago.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 28, 1930

Virginia Paper Company  
933 D Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send to me at the above  
address with bill enclosed, 2000 sheets  
of Munising Bond, like the attached sample  
in quality. The size must be exact and the

color the same or paler. *Preferably as pale as the sheet in  
the letter is written.*

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*



March 29, 1930

Dr. Paul Reddington, Chief  
Biological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Reddington:

Herewith I am inclosing a letter  
from Mr. R. Rajotte, requesting publications  
on fox farming, which kindly send if avail-  
able.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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March 29, 1930

Mr. R. Rajotte  
Carrier postal 489  
Summerside, P.E.I.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request  
I have asked the Biological Survey to send  
you their latest publications in relation  
to foxes and fox farming.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



March 29, 1930

The Honorable  
Governor C.C. Young  
Sacramento, California

My dear Sir:

In June 1928, according to a newspaper statement, you appointed a committee of five to investigate Indian conditions in the State of California. Was the report of this committee ever published? And if so, can you tell me how a copy can be obtained?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

March 29, 1930

Dr. Barton W. Evermann, Director  
California Academy of Sciences  
Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Dear Doctor Barton:

It was very kind of you to send me that clipping in regard to Suisun Bridge. Glad you approve of my position in the matter.

Sorry I couldn't have heard Frederic Jenks talk. It's a long time since I have seen him.

What you tell me about Leslie Simson's progress on his way to Africa for the big mammals for your group is most encouraging, as is also what you tell me about the outlook for the new buildings. If this thing goes through as planned it will be a wonderful thing, not only for the Academy but for California. I was a little surprised that permits could be secured for such an extensive killing.

Mrs. Merriam is doing very well, and is able to walk short distances without a cane. She gave up her crutch several months ago.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you all,

As ever yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



March 31, 1930

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of March, amounting to \$121.47, along with salary vouchers for Miss Dorothy Grover, Stenographer-Secretary (\$180) and Miss Catherine E. Hayes, Clerk and Typist (\$100).

Am also enclosing voucher for \$15.00 from Herbert Lee, Tenakee, Alaska, for two grizzly bear skulls, and a bill of \$127.50 from Yawman & Erbe for two steel file cases--one four-drawer and one five-drawer, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund as usual.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington

## Expense Account for March 1930

March 1	Am. Folk Lore Soc. Journal & Memoir		6 50
5	Science League		3 00
8	E.R. Bateman, Electric lights for new file room		7 04
8	Canadian Field Naturalist, dup. copies March & Apr.		55
10	2 spools cotton for binding		10
11	Express charges, Mss. to Lowie, Berkley		79
12	Eastman Kodak Stores, Enlargements photos Calif. Inds.	1	11 34
12	Save Redwoods League		2 00
15	Scribners, W.R. Blair "In the Zoo"		2 50
17	Chas. C. Thomas, Brazier Howell's "Aquatic Mammals"	2	5 00
17	Manila file guides		1 20
19	Telegram to Lowie, Editor Anthropologist		1 30
19	Express charges, Book to Angulo, Berkley		24
20	Bottle Clarotype	3	50
20	C.E. Gould, Manila envelopes	4	2 50
20	Noah Parnham Morrison, Eth. books as per list	4 1/2	11 00
25	Teunis F. Collier, Partitioning small room for files	4 1/2	40 00
25	Tuomey & Emparan, Hist. Pueblo Sonoma		1 00
27	E. Morrison Paper Co., oil board & blotters (copying)	5	1 75
27	Geo. F. Muth & Co., Water colors for coloring maps	6	3 05
29	Virginia Paper Co., 2000 sheets paper	7	2 00
	Telephone, Mar. 6-Apr. 5	8	1 83
	Electric current, Feb. 17-Mar. 19	9	2 38
	Gas, Feb. 20-Mar. 20	10	2 63
	Envelopes and Postage 3.77 Bus fares .80		4 57
	Washing office windows & waxing office floors		3 20
	Cleaning office rooms, month of March		3 50
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April 1, 1930

Mr. Edger W. Woolard  
2115 F Street  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Woolard:

Thanks for proof for my note on 'Little Known Tribes of Indians in Northwestern California' just received. <sup>and herewith enclosed</sup> It seems to be correct except for the curious circumstance that some one has appended the words 'Biological Survey' to my name, notwithstanding the fact that I resigned from the Survey just twenty years ago. If you feel an irresistible urge to add something to my name, you might put 'Smithsonian Institution'.

I shall be glad to pay for a hundred reprints with covers.

Kindly note that my address is not Biological Survey nor Smithsonian Institution, but 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 3, 1930

Mr. P. Rivet  
Institut d'Ethnologie  
University of Paris

My dear Mr. Rivet:

Many thanks for your trouble in sending me the publications asked for (Questionnaire Linguistique). Herewith I am enclosing a money order in payment for the same.

I am taking the liberty also to send you some of my own publications on ethnological subjects.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

April 3, 1930

Mr. Lawrence C. Wroth, Librarian  
John Carter Brown Library  
Providence, Rhode Island

My dear Mr. Wroth:

Very many thanks for the excellent photo-stats of Henry B. Brown's letters of May 2 and May 15, 1852. I am very glad to have these, particularly the one telling of some of his movements in Sacramento Valley.

You omitted to enclose memorandum of bill. If you will kindly let me know the amount I will remit by return mail.

Again thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



April 3, 1930

Dr. Robert H. Lowie  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Lowie:

Thanks for your letter of March 31 and  
accompanying proofs of Saxy Kid and the map.

Have just wired you: "Proof received.  
Prefer map A. Would be better if colors of Konomeho  
and Hoops were paler."

Proof of article has not yet arrived.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Legend for Map:

Area in Northwestern California showing  
territory of the Tlo-hom-tah-hoi, Ko-no-me-ho  
and Hah-to-ke-he-wuk, with parts of adjoining  
tribes. By C. Hart Merriam. 1930



April 3, 1930

Reverend J. H. Wilson  
3906 Fairmount Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Replying to your recent post card, would say that it is in the neighborhood of fifty years since I quit collecting birds' eggs, and I am not now acquainted with the collectors. Not knowing who may be in the field for the purchase of such collections, I am referring your card to the Curator of Ornithology in our National Museum.

You mention that you are "sixty-three years young". I beat you by twelve years!

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

April 3, 1930

Dr. Charles W. Richmond, Curator  
National Museum  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Richmond:

The enclosed postal explains the desire of Reverend J. H. Wilson to dispose of his collection of eggs. Not knowing who would be likely to be in the market for such material, I am taking the liberty to forward it to you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



April 4, 1930

Honorable Ross A. Collins  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Collins:

Thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your speech in regard to the urgent desirability of purchasing the Vollbehr collection of incunabula, perhaps the most complete and valuable library in existence of that period.

It goes without saying that this magnificent collection should be secured for our National Library, and the price asked, in view of the actual value of some individual volumes, is certainly surprisingly reasonable.

Trusting that it may be secured for the benefit of our scholars and historians,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



April 7, 1930

Virginia Paper Company  
933 D Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me, with bill, 2,000 sheets of bond paper the exact size and equally good quality as attached sample.

Last time you supplied a similar paper the color of which was entirely too dark blue. This time I shall not accept any that is not paler than enclosed sample.

Perhaps you had better send sample in advance.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

April 7, 1930

Professor Owen C. Coy  
Calif. State Historical Assoc.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Professor Coy:

Almost every number of your interesting History Nugget contains articles that I would like to file separately. I am taking the liberty therefore, to enclose a dollar for which I hope you will be willing to send me duplicate copies for the current year.

Don't you think these articles should be signed? Many of them are valuable and interesting compilations.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



C. Hart Merriam has much pleasure in accepting Doctor Grosvenor's invitation to lunch at the Cosmos Club to meet Doctor Joseph F. Rock on Wednesday, April 9, at 1.00 p.m.

April 8, 1930

Virginia Paper Company  
933 D Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to yours of the 8th instant, I accept the sample you enclosed (16 Basis Azure Munising Bond) for the paper ordered a few days ago, although it is lighter in weight than I had hoped.

You may accordingly send me 2,000 sheets cut to the size of the sample already sent you (8 by 10½ inches).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



Dear Doctor Stephens:

April 9, 1930

It is a long time since you wrote me that last very nice letter. It would have been answered long ago had I not been under so much pressure.

After finishing the proof reading of Sheldon's book I was anxious to get an article or two ready for the next number of the Anthropologist. This, as you will understand, has taken most of my available time.

Elizabeth has discarded not only her crutches but, when about the house, even her cane. She is quite chipper but tires easily. Zensaida seems to be kept busy taking care of her husband and entertaining various friends at their neat little apartment on Connecticut Avenue. But we are disappointed to see so little of her at this end of the line.

We all were mighty glad to hear from you and to know that things are going so well your way. Winter is always a very busy time.

It is good that your Elizabeth was able to enjoy the diverting beauties of Florida. More than thirty-five years have passed since my last visit there.

Glad to know that Bruce has received the appointment as hospital interne, but this we feel will result in our seeing

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even less of him than during the past two or three years.

So Stuart has turned his agile fingers to boat building. That would be all right if he didn't put his new plaything in the water and get it all wet!

My brother and his wife have recently arrived from Pasadena and came in time to see the first crop of cherry blossoms. Next month they will take their flight northward.

Elizabeth and Zensaida join in love to you all.

As ever yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Dr. W. Barklay Stephens  
1250 Bay Street  
Alameda, Calif.



April 10, 1930

Dear Nelson:

We were glad to hear from you and to know something of the interesting trips you have been enjoying in Florida. I have always wanted to see the Everglades, but fear I shall not live long enough--there still being so much to do in California.

Too bad it is so cold in Florida that you have to wear an overcoat. I have not had one on this winter.

It's fortunate that there were mosquitoes enough on the Florida Keys to divert your attention from matters you should never think of.

The early cherries have been in flower for several days. The double ones are holding back until you return.

My brother and his wife are now here, stopping at the Roosevelt--will probably remain several weeks.

We are all reasonably well and are looking forward to your return. Doctor Rock got back from China three or four days ago, and Grosvenor gave him a luncheon at the Cosmos yesterday.

As ever yours,

*C. H. Pittman*

Doctor E. W. Nelson  
Ormond Beach, Florida  
c/o Hon. George Shires 3rd

April 10, 1930

Mr. H. H. Pittman  
Wanchope, Saskatchewan

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Thanks for the five photographs received (three of striped ground squirrels and two of bats). One of the bats I am returning herewith. The other four prints I am keeping, and am enclosing check of eight dollars therefor.

Kindly return receipt and oblige.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Pittman*



April 10, 1930

Home Secretary  
National Academy of Sciences  
B and 21st Streets  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are titles and abstracts of two short papers which I should be glad to present at the coming meeting of the Academy. Neither of these will take more than fifteen minutes and each will be accompanied by a single lantern slide.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Titles:

1. Concentration of Remnants of Indian Tribes in North-western California.
2. A Remarkable Case of Word Borrowing Among California Indians.



CONCENTRATION OF REMNANTS OF INDIAN TRIBES IN NORTHWESTERN  
CALIFORNIA

C. Hart Merriam

Probably no part of the United States is so little known from the standpoint of its aboriginal inhabitants as a small area in the mountains of northwestern California--an area restricted to the drainage basins of the Salmon and New Rivers with adjacent parts of the main Trinity and its South Fork.

Within a radius of forty miles from Hoopa Valley there were in whole or in part the home lands of nineteen tribes of Indians, representing eight linguistic stocks. It is doubtful if in any other part of the world there are in so small an area so many tribes speaking different languages. Most of these tribes are fairly well known, but during the mining days of the fifties and early sixties several of them were practically exterminated by the onrush of gold seekers and the troops called in to help. Indeed, so complete was the destruction that in the case of four of the tribes the few survivors succeeded so well in remaining hid from inquisitive eyes that not even the names of the tribes were ascertained by anthropologists.

A REMARKABLE CASE OF WORD BORROWING AMONG CALIFORNIA INDIANS

C. Hart Merriam

Work among the Shoshonean tribes on both sides of the Nevada-California boundary south of the latitude of Mono Lake has brought to light a surprising if not unique case of the borrowing of words, particularly the names of animals. These names as used by the Monache of Owens Valley on the east side of the Sierra disagree almost wholly with the names used by their relatives only a short distance farther north--the 'Northern Piute' bands of Mono, Walker, and Pyramid Lakes. Further study has shown that the un-Shoshonean names of the Owens Valley Monache are in current use among the several derivative Monache tribes on the west side of the Sierra.

These names that differ from those of the 'Northern Piute' agree essentially with those of an unrelated stock, namely the Yokut of San Joaquin Valley.

In other words, a series of tribes of Shoshonean stock have set aside the animal names in common use among their near relatives and have replaced them by the names used by several tribes of a widely different linguistic stock--the Yokut. So far as I am aware, no parallel is known.



Dr. George Otis Smith, Director  
U. S. Geological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

April 11, 1930

Dear Doctor Smith:

In studying the aboriginal distribution of the Indian tribes of California and mapping the locations of their former villages, I have been greatly helped by the excellent map sheets of the Geological Survey. But as you well know, they do not cover the State, and in the northwest do not reach to the coast. I am forced therefore to depend on County, Forest Service, and other maps that make no attempt to show relief and are not the result of actual surveys.

You may be interested to know that in northwestern California within a radius of eighty miles from Thompson Peak are the aboriginal territories of thirty-four Indian tribes belonging to ten linguistic stocks, and that within a hundred miles of Weaverville are, in whole or in part, the territories of fifty-six tribes belonging to fifteen linguistic stocks speaking languages differing more from one another than English from German or Spanish.

In the course of the past twenty-five years I have accumulated a large amount of original information, not only about the Indian tribes but also on the distribution of the native mammals, birds, reptiles, and forest trees. As you know, I am now an old man (well past my seventy-fifth birthday) and therefore

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anxious to publish the results in my lifetime.

I have already published several maps showing the distribution of Indian tribes, but dislike to continue using base maps abounding in errors and with no attempt to show relief.

The area in northwestern California still unmapped is so very insignificant in comparison with the parts of the State already mapped, and its importance to those interested in the history, zoology, botany, ethnology, and geology of the State is so very important, that I am emboldened to ask if it will not be possible for the Survey to concentrate its topographic work on this area until the gap is filled.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 14, 1930

Dr. B. W. Evermann, Director  
California Academy of Sciences  
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Evermann:

Thanks for the Annual Report just received. It is an interesting document and gratifying in that it shows such continued progress.

I notice that on December 8 Mr. Harold Stein lectured on 'The Human History of the Lassen Region'. The title is quite captivating, and I am wondering if Mr. Stein has published anything on the subject.

With congratulations,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 15, 1930

Mr. E. W. Gifford  
Am. Anthropological Assoc.  
Parnassus and 2nd Avenues  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Gifford:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing bills from the Oakland Engraving Company for the map and electrotpe that accompany my article on the Tlohomtahhoi of New River, to appear in the next number of the Anthropologist. A check for the amount (\$82.54) according to your statement will be sent you from my Fund by the accountant of the Smithsonian Institution on or about May 2.

The printers bill, should it be received before the end of the month, will be paid at the same time. Otherwise it will have to go over to the May account.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter, and with best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 15, 1930

Mr. S. C. Evans  
3675 8th Street  
Riverside, California

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, would state that I am not familiar with the remarkable Indian stone work shown in your excellent photographs and am therefore forwarding them to the Bureau of Ethnology under the Smithsonian Institution. Doubtless you will hear from them.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

April 15, 1930

Mr. Matthew W. Stirling, Chief  
Bureau of Ethnology  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Stirling:

The enclosed letter and photographs have just been sent me by S. C. Evans of Riverside, California.

As I have not worked with this kind of material, I am taking the liberty to forward them to you, believing that they will be of interest to some one in the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Dr. Jaime de Angulo  
2852 Buena Vista Way  
Berkeley, California

April 16, 1930

My dear Doctor de Angulo:

Very many thanks for your interesting letter of March 31. The copies of your admirable review of Annikadel have also arrived, for which I am greatly obliged.

Glad to know that your young son is interested in Indian stories--even in such as Annikadel.

Speaking of Charley Wicks reminds me that I once met him on the trail, and saw one or two of his daughters at Sherman School, and later his wife at Weitchpec.

You express doubt as to "whether Seiad belonged to Shasta or to Karok". It hadn't occurred to me that there was any doubt about this. It was given me by both Shaste and Karok as decidedly in Shaste territory.

Years ago when working these tribes, I secured the names and locations of 137 Shaste villages on Klamath River and in Shasta, Yreka, and Scott Valleys; 21 Konomeho villages on Salmon River; and 93 Karok on the Klamath and its tributaries.

The Konomeho I found to be only a slightly different dialect from Shaste, and the same is true of the Hahtokehewuk--the tribe on the upper Forks of Salmon between the Konomeho of the lower river and the Shaste of Scott Valley. I have rather

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full vocabularies of both. Konomeho is a rhythmical, almost musical language, in which respect it differs materially from the others.

I have also a fragmentary and rather unsatisfactory vocabulary of the Ockwahnootsco that I obtained from two aged sisters many years ago. Both are now dead.

My most unsatisfactory list of words is of the Tlohom-tahhoi, obtained from Saxy Kid.

Of course I am entirely willing that you should see my manuscript on the New River tribe now in Lowie's hands. It is exasperating to know so little.

I am looking forward to meeting you this summer.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



April 21, 1930

Doctor Robert H. Lowe  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Lowe:

Yesterday I returned to you the proof of my article on the New River Indians, and herewith am enclosing a brief explanatory note about the map, which I assume would naturally go at the end.

Trusting that you may be able to let me see page proof, which I will return immediately.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 21, 1930

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Again I am to thank you for bound volumes of the National Geographic Magazine, for the year 1929. They certainly contain a number of articles worthy of permanent reference, which I am glad to add to my files.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 28, 1930

Mr. John W. Eddy  
911 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Eddy:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, would say that I have no objection to the publication of my letter to Mr. E.I. Garrett, dated January 24, 1928.

It is good to know that you are publishing a book on hunting the Alaska Brown Bear, with special reference to the Mount Pavlof region. Your observations on the habits and actions of these animals would naturally be of much interest.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 28, 1930

Mr. C. Garrett  
Box 572, Cranbrook  
British Columbia

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 15 has been forwarded to me by the Smithsonian Institution.

You mention having a lot of grizzly bear skulls but do not specify the sex or say where they were killed. Are they labeled with sex, locality, and date, or are these things to be inferred?

It is many years since my Fund admitted the payment of as much as \$20 for skulls of bears, and now I rarely pay more than \$10 for adult males and much less for females and young. My accounts, however, are paid promptly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 28, 1930

Mr. George W. Stewart  
Box 1132  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Your inquiry as to the date of my expected departure from Washington for California is a very old question and one of annual recurrence. Besides, it is one concerning which I am very much interested, but I regret to say never able to answer long in advance. However we hope to reach Lagunitas by the end of May-- though by no means certain that we will be there by that time.

It is good to know that Mrs. Stewart has recovered from the long spell of flu, and we hope is in her normal health.

Mrs. Merriam has kept on gaining slowly and, except when on the street, gets along without her cane.

With best regards from both of us to both of you.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



April 30, 1930

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of April, amounting to \$50.13, along with the vouchers entered below.

I am enclosing also a letter from E.W. Gifford, Treasurer of the American Anthropological Association, enclosing two bills which with the discount stated, amount to \$82.54--one for a colored map, the other for a half-tone reproduction of a photograph of the only survivor of the Tlohomtahhoi tribe. The check should be made to American Anthropological Association.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

American Anthropological Association: Colored reproduction of map of Salmon and New River tribes \$82.54  
Miss Catherine E. Hayes, Clerk and Typist (6 days) \$24.00  
Miss Dorothy Grover, Secretary-Stenographer (Salary) \$180.00

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington

## Expense Account for April 1930

April	2	Brentano's, Sheldon's Wilderness of Denali	1	6 00
	2	Institut d'Ethnologie, French blank vocabularies		2 10
	3	Telegram to Berkeley		1 71
	10	Virginia Paper Co., 2000 sheets paper	2	2 24
	10	John Carter Brown Lib., Providence, Photostats		3 00
	12	E.B. Thompson, Slides of maps	3	1 60
	15	Fountain pen		3 95
	17	Arthur Allen, Photostats map NW Calif.		4 00
	21	H.H. Pittman, Photos of Ground Squirrel & Rat	4	8 00
	24	Ink 25, 3 x 5 cards 40, Pencils 30, Thread 10		1 05
	24	Arthur Allen, Photostats map Humboldt-Trinity tribes		2 40
		Electric current, Mar. 19-Apr. 18 1/3 of \$6.25	5	2 08
		Gas Mar. 20-Apr. 21 1/3 of \$7.80	6	2 60
		Telephone Apr. 6-May 5 1/3 of \$5.50	7	1 83
		Envelopes and Postage		2 57
		Car and Bus fares		1 50
		Cleaning office rooms, month of April		3 50

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April 30, 1930

Mr. Carlos Avery  
Editor American Game  
2273 Woolworth Bldg., N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. Avery:

Did it ever occur to you that the size  
of a printed sheet determines its future--whether  
it be permanently preserved in one's files or  
chucked in the wastebasket?

American Game, having adopted the barn door type of paper, comes mighty near the prohibitory line, and requires a lot of doctoring in order to save important articles.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hasselmann*



May 2, 1930

American Automobile Association  
San Rafael, California

Dear Sirs:

I expect to reach California about the end of the present month, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly put me in the way of securing my 1930 license. The car is the same one I have had for a number of years past--a Dodge sedan of 1926:

No. M 6660

A 673043

M B 746012 (Engine No.)

Registration certificate <sup>1929</sup>: 4G-3700 Calif.

If you will kindly notify me of the fee I will remit immediately on receipt of your letter.

The car is now in the Durham Garage at San Anselmo, where it has been stored for several years past during the periods of my absence from California.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Hartman*



May 8, 1930

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Secretary  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Doctor Abbot:

The enclosed clipping in regard to Sun Spots and Grasshoppers, not being exactly in my line, I am passing it along to the Sun Spot Sharp.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

May 8, 1930

Mr. John O. La Gorce, Vice President  
National Geographic Society

Dear Mr. La Gorce:

Very many thanks for your kindness in calling my attention to the coming lecture by Doctor Joseph F. Rock--a man I highly esteem.

Mrs. Merriam and I expect to go to the lecture, and in view of your generous suggestion about tickets I have phoned the person in charge asking if I may have four, so that I may take also my brother and his wife--now here on their way East from California.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



May 9, 1930

Publication Editor  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your list of publications in Anthropology, received in answer to my request.

I would like to purchase papers 2,3,4, and 5 of Volume 1 (\$2.50), and 1,2,3, 4, and 5 of Volume 2 (\$2.00), for which I am enclosing my check for \$4.50 on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*

May 9, 1930

Doctor Franz Boas, Chairman  
Section of Anthropology  
National Academy of Sciences

Dear Doctor Boas:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant concerning nominations of Anthropologists for next year, would say that those already in nomination strike me as worthy of support. I should be glad to add the name of Doctor Fay-Cooper Cole of Chicago.

There are several others who it seems to me may well be considered in the course of a few years.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*



Mr. Guy Hopping  
Assistant Superintendent  
General Grant National Park

May 14, 1930

Dear Mr. Hopping:

Very many thanks for your letters of March 26 and May 3, and for the accompanying quadrangles showing the locations of numerous rancherias, homesteads, and other things of interest to me. In doing this you have taken a lot of trouble which, I assure you, I highly appreciate and am very thankful for.

Some of the inhabited rancherias I visited a number of years ago--for instance those on Sycamore Creek and Pine Ridge and the one near Dunlap in Mill Creek Valley. If your "Samson Dick" is known also as "Big Dick" and "Tanner Dick", <sup>he is the man</sup> I got a good deal of material from him in October 1903--twenty-seven years ago. He belongs to the Entimbitch, one of the Sierra Monache tribes.

It interests me to read your statement that "Work's understanding is that the Mono and Monache tribes were pretty nearly the same." In regard to this I would like to say that the so-called Mono tribes of the west slope (from some distance north of North Fork southerly to Kaweah River) are Monache, and that the name "Mono" should never have been applied to them--though I regret to say that it is used by several anthropologists.

I expect to go about the end of this month to Lagunitas, my summer home in Marin County, north of San Francisco, and if well enough hope to visit your region. If so, will try to hunt you up.

Meanwhile, let me thank you again for the trouble you have taken in getting me so much information. Allow me also to express my congratulations on your promotion to the position of Assistant Superintendent.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 14, 1930

Mr. J.D. Steele, District Manager  
American Automobile Association  
San Rafael, California

Dear Mr. Steele:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in the matter of obtaining the 1930 license plates for my Dodge car. My check for \$3.00 therefor, is enclosed.

I appreciate also your kindness in having the plates sent direct to Durham's Garage, so that they may be on my car when we arrive about the end of the month.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



May 15, 1930

Mr. C. C. Durham  
Durham Garage  
San Anselmo, California

Dear Mr. Durham:

I expect to reach California as soon as possible after the first of June, and shall be obliged if you will kindly put my car in good condition for the road.

The Three A's write me that they will have the license plates sent to you in advance.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 15, 1930

Mr. Frederic H. Kennard  
Newton Centre, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Kennard:

You were mighty good to tell me of your kind feeling for my work on Sheldon's Denali. In view of the fact that I spent more than a year of hard labor on the book it is most gratifying to find that it is appreciated.

With best regards and appreciative thanks for your kindness in writing,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



May 17, 1930

Mr. Carlos Avery, President  
American Game Protective Assoc.  
233 Broadway, New York City

Dear Mr. Avery:

Replying to your letter of May 5 in regard to the ungainly size of American Game, would say that I am glad to know that you agree with me and are contemplating a change to magazine form.

As you ask my views as to the appropriate size for such a publication, would say that the Literary Digest strikes me as the maximum size to be considered for any publication whose articles are worthy of being preserved.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



May 17, 1930

Mr. S. H. Williamson, Editor  
Who's Who in the Nation's Capital  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 15th instant, I am returning herewith the copy you sent me of Who's Who in the Nation's Capital. In accordance with your request I have replaced it in the same package in which it was received.

The book is very attractively bound, but I cannot see that I would have any particular use for it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 17, 1930

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Bunnell:

Last night Doctor Joseph Rock delivered a most interesting and at times thrilling lecture before the National Geographic Society on his explorations in Yunan and Szechwan and among the magnificent mountains along the Tibetan boundary. It was illustrated by a fine series of colored and moving pictures, and was delivered before an audience of 4,000 appreciative people in the New Constitution Hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution--by far the finest auditorium in Washington.

A couple of weeks ago Doctor Rock spent a Sunday afternoon with us, and incidentally remarked that on his way back to China he was going to stop in San Francisco to have his hand operated on by a celebrated surgeon, Doctor Bunnell, whom he had been informed when in Hawaii was the world's leading surgeon for cases of this kind--which remark, as you may imagine, gave us a pleasant thrill.

As you are to see him in the near future, please give him our kindest regards and tell him how much we appreciated his lecture.

It was very kind of you and Mrs. Bunnell to write of your interest in Sheldon's Denali--and that also pleased us. The book seems to be generally well received--judging from the press comments and the few letters I have received from big game hunters.

Since finishing work on the Sheldon book I have at last been able to complete two or three of my own articles on Indians, and now am pegging away on others. We hope to start for California very early in June and shall look forward to seeing you both not long thereafter.

With best wishes from us both,  
As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam



May 22, 1930

Mr. John M. Holzworth  
Bar Building  
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Holzworth:

The manuscript copy of your book on the Big Bears of Alaska came two or three days ago, and I have already read 125 pages and hope to continue evenings until the end is reached.

I find it very interesting, and in the main perfectly clear. But there are a few errors--one or two serious ones. However, these are easily corrected. When done with it, I will return it and will write you more fully concerning certain details.

I am not attempting to edit the book--this is out of the question--but am hoping to spot most of the high points that need attention.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 22, 1930

Mr. A.P. Winston  
Office of County Treasurer  
Alameda County, California

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, would say that I expect to arrive in California early in June and shall be glad to go to the de Young Memorial Museum in the Park to see the baskets you mention.

I have a collection of something more than a thousand California Indian baskets, most of which I have obtained during the past forty years from the Indians who made them, and am always on the lookout to fill gaps--though not in a position financially to purchase a large collection.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

A.P. Winston  
Oakland, California



May 26, 1930

Mr. George Strohmeier  
158 Second Avenue  
San Francisco, California

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your postcard notice of dues in the Lagunitas Canyon Club for 1930-31, I am enclosing my check on the Crocker Bank for \$6.00--for Mrs. Merriam and myself. You omitted to mention the amount of the dues, but my recollection is that \$3.00 each was the amount.

We regret that we are not at Lagunitas at present but hope to arrive early in June.

With best wishes for the continued success of the Club,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



May 27, 1930

Doctor Jaime de Angulo  
2351 Buena Vista Way  
Berkeley, California

My dear Doctor de Angulo:

Your letter of the 22nd instant distresses me as I had counted on seeing you this year. However, you are going in a good cause, and I wish you all success.

I expect to be at Lagunitas until some time in October, so in case you return before that time I should be most happy to see you. Otherwise we will have to postpone our get-together until some other time.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Mr. John M. Holzworth  
Bar Building  
White Plains, New York

May 27, 1930

Dear Mr. Holzworth:

Sunday night I finished reading your bear book. Yesterday morning's mail brought your letter of Saturday the 24th.

I am glad that you attended the recent meeting of the Mammal Society and much regret that my health no longer permits me to take part in such meetings. It is good to know that the Society takes a deep interest in the preservation of our big bears. I earnestly hope that, in accordance with the resolution you mention, Admiralty and Chichagof Islands may be set aside as a Sanctuary for the grizzly and big brown bears.

In regard to your suggestion that I write a prefatory note, I regret to say that this is out of the question. I am already more than two weeks late in starting for California, and am still overwhelmed with terminal work. And furthermore, I am so old and mentally sluggish that it takes me forever to write anything of this kind. I was six months in writing the Introduction to Sheldon's book, Denali. Moreover, I am not in full sympathy with everything you say.

Doesn't it occur to you that there is a good deal of reiteration in the first part of your book? My general feeling is that you have devoted something like a hundred pages to a

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defense and glorification of the big bears--at times making some rather extreme statements, some of which seem to be offset if not nullified by the actual details recited in your personal reminiscences. For instance, on page 112 you say, "Unprovoked attack on the part of bears is a possibility; it is little more".

Passing over some of your own and Hasselborg's statements farther on, what do you call the case of the topographer of the Canadian Geological Survey who, when sitting quietly on a rock to rest, was suddenly jumped upon and nearly killed by a grizzly bear? And how do you explain what happened in the well known case of a party traveling with pack animals in northern Alaska when a grizzly, after passing several men and horses, attacked the leading man and nearly killed him? This bear had not only not been wounded, but its presence was unknown until it rushed past the rear animals. If this is not a case of unprovoked attack, I am at a loss to know the meaning of the word "unprovoked".

On page 107 you mention that Captain Lewis, when pursued for some distance by a grizzly, turned to face his pursuer, and the bear ran away. But you omit to mention what he really says, namely that while watching a wounded buffalo the bear crept up within twenty steps of him and as he ran chased him over an open plain, gaining on him, so that after running about eighty yards he plunged into the river, where he faced about, presented his esponentoon, and assumed an attitude of defense; whereupon the bear wheeled and retreated. And in another place Captain Lewis records



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his feelings by stating that he "had rather fight two Indians than one bear."

I have not had time to read the manuscript critically and of course have not attempted to edit it. Nevertheless, a few things have been noted that you may be glad to have me mention.

In the first place, why speak of the Biological Survey as the "Bureau of Biological Survey"? Do we not always say U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish Commission, and so on? Of course in the political classification many of them are in the "Bureau" category; but why lumber up an interesting document with such useless if not offensive terms?

Another trivial matter: You, in common with many naturalists, use the term 'taken' when you mean 'collected' or 'obtained'. I grant that it is permissible to use the word in this sense, but in usual conversation does it not mean "removed or carried from one place to another"?

On page 18 you say, "the Indian name for the Ursus horribilis and its kindred species was Kutz and Hoots". This as it stands is a manifest error, as this name, so far as I am aware, is not used by any Indian tribe in the United States or the greater part of Canada. When you use a local name be sure to specify the locality in which it is used.

[Purely personal: Your mention of Governor DeWitt Clinton of New York reminds me that he was a much respected friend of my grandfather and my father, and both my father and myself were named after him.]

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Near the bottom of page 42 you quote without comment the title of Enos Mills' book on the grizzly. Is it worthwhile in a book like yours to mention utterly unreliable publications unless you take the trouble to tell the truth about them--something most of us do not care to do?

Beginning on page 44, you have undertaken a summary of the bears of the world. The intention of this may be all right, though I question its desirability in a popular work recording in the main personal observations. But if this digest is to be published it should be accurate--which is far from the case as it stands. Your list of the American Black Bears is sad.

For instance, the Ursus cinnamonum of Audobon and Bachman was merely a specimen of the common black bear in the so-called cinnamon-brown phase.

Ursus emmonsii of Dall is merely a color phase of the common black bear of the Yakutat region, as proved long ago by G. Frederick Norton, who found cubs of both color phases with the same mother; and as further demonstrated by my critical studies of skulls and teeth.

Ursus kermodei of Hornaday is a similar case, being merely an abnormal color phase of a very few individuals from Gribble Island--the great majority of specimens from that island being black.

Ursus machetes of Elliot is merely a renaming of the old Ursus amblyceps described by Baird in 1859.



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You say that the European Brown Bear is found in local varieties, and so on, speaking of it as a single species. As a matter of fact, in the vast area from Spain to eastern Siberia, a number of very distinct species have been described and named, and some of them are well known and generally recognized by naturalists.

On page 45 you enumerate as simply foreign bears of the genus Ursus the Himalayan, Japanese, Malay, Sloth, and Spectacled Bears, each of which is well known to represent a distinct genus widely different from Ursus. You even go so far as to suggest that the Spectacled Bear of the Andes "may be merely a subspecies of the Black Bear", whereas it is so very distantly related to all other living bears that it not only constitutes a distinct genus, but possesses characters known only in some of the very ancient fossil bears.

You say on page 67 that cubs "are born anywhere from the middle of January to the middle of March". Where did you strike an authentic March record? The latest I remember to have seen was the early part of February, and fully 99 percent are dropped in January.

On page 114 you say "the bear's claws and teeth, unlike those of the lion and the tiger, do not seem to be poisonous". Is there any reason to believe that the teeth of any mammal are poisonous unless they happen to be coated with the flesh of some decayed animal?

On page 337 you mention the Buck Law as though you thought

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it a good thing, citing it as one of the causes of the increase in deer. This, to my mind, is a fundamental error. It is not only going against the face of nature but against the known facts already acknowledged in several of the states. At first it was believed to be a good thing, but after a few years the results, as might well have been expected, were superabundance of does and scarcity of fawns--as already shown in Pennsylvania, Arizona, and California, and I believe also in other states.

Scattered through the book are occasional clauses the phraseology of which seems hardly dignified enough for a book of this importance. And do you really think that the chapter entitled Characteristics of the Wilderness (pages 345-356) is really appropriate to a book of this character?

Unless your prospective publisher has some one who will read the manuscript critically and call your attention to necessary editorial changes (usually small but nevertheless important) I would advise you to get some competent person to read it carefully with an editorial eye.

Few men have a keen enough recognition of what might be termed trifling slips in phraseology to send the printer manuscript as it was first written. In my own case I nearly always put away a manuscript until its details are completely forgotten and then taking it up, I am always surprised at the number of things I find it desirable to correct or state in different language.

Some years ago Roosevelt sent for me to listen to some pages from one of his volumes of the Winning of the West, which



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he had just completed. He said now that this was off his hands he was going on a hunting trip. I asked if he would send the manuscript to the publisher before returning. He replied in effect, "Do you think me such a fool as to send<sup>a</sup> manuscript to the printer when it is hardly cold?" and continuing said that he would put it away in his safe until his return, when he would read it carefully and make lots of changes.

I have had much pleasure in reading your manuscript, and have found it in the main interesting throughout. To those of us who have spent a large part of our lives in the field it calls up innumerable places and incidents. Many of your descriptions of the wilderness are not only appreciative but also charming, and your accounts show your courage and perseverance under adverse conditions. Many of your readers will appreciate what you say of the tortures of penetrating the thickets of Devil's Club in southeastern Alaska; and everyone will realize the enthusiasm that impelled you to take so many chances.

I am glad to see that you have dedicated your book to Hasselborg, for in spite of all his crankiness he deserves this tribute.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

*Your book was returned  
by express today.*



May 31, 1930

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for  
the month of May, amounting to \$87.13, along  
with salary voucher (\$180) for Miss Dorothy  
Grover, Stenographer-Secretary.

Kindly pay both of these from the  
Harriman Fund, as usual.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 16th Street, Washington

Expense Account for May 1930

May 9 Univ. of Washn. Pubs. in Ethnology		4 50
13 Allens Press Clippings, Apr., May and June 1930	1	9 00
14 Calif. Auto Assoc., Registration Calif. car		3 00
15 R. V. Coleman, The Golden Bough--Myth. & Religion	2	5 00
20 W. W. Norton & Co., Skeptical Biologist	3	2 80
20 Washn. Acad. Sciences, Separates Little Known Tribes of Northwestern California		3 62
28 Fred Lockley, Rossiter Indian Legends		1 25
31 National Parks Assoc., Pubs.		3 00
31 Paul L. Brand, Zeiss Ikon Occarette camera	4	37 50
31 6 rolls Eastman film #120		1 50
Electric current, Apr. 18-May 19 1/3 of 5.59	5	1 86
Gas Apr. 21-May 20 1/3 of 6.90	6	2 30
Telephone May 6-June 3 1/3 of 5.50		1 83
Express charges		70
Postage 46; stamped envelopes 1.71		2 17
Bus fares .50; car tokens .40		90
Waxing office floors & wax		2 70
Cleaning office rooms, month of May		3 50

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June 2, 1930

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Secretary  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Please pardon my tardiness in replying to your request of May 1 for titles of articles suitable for the General Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1930.

Unfortunately, I have neither time nor eyes for much general reading and do not remember having seen anything that strikes me as suitable, except an article by Judd entitled Present Status of Archeology in the United States published in the July-September 1929 number of the American Anthropologist.

Judd's intensely interesting articles on Prehistoric Canals in Arizona and on the Dating of Prehistoric Pueblo Ruins you have yourself published in your recent Explorations and Field Work of the Smithsonian Institution, and therefore naturally would not republish.

As ever,

Very truly yours,

June 2, 1930

Mr. C. A. Hartwell  
Park Naturalist  
Yosemite National Park

Dear Mr. Hartwell:

Replying to your letter of May 22, would say that I am pleased to know that your Museum has made such excellent progress, and that you have secured a good deal of Indian material.

During the past thirty or thirty-five years I have made a number of visits to Yosemite, and have obtained much interesting material from the resident Indians, all of whom I knew personally.

Some of the results I published in 1907 in a paper on the Distribution and Classification of the Mewan Stock in California, accompanied by a map; and in 1917 I published a paper on Indian Village and Camp Sites in Yosemite Valley, a copy of which I am sending you herewith. But the very full vocabulary of the language of the tribe I have not yet published.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartwell



Mr. Penley Hunter  
Flushing, Long Island

June 2, 1930

My dear Mr. Hunter:

Your letter dated March 25 and forwarded from the Smithsonian Institution gave me quite a surprise. I did not know that you had gone down the Mackenzie to the Arctic and had crossed to the Porcupine, nor that you had gone up the Liard as far as the South Nahanni.

I am interested also to know that in the latter region you secured several specimens of the Dall sheep. For years I have wanted to get hold of specimens from this region for the Biological Survey collection, but it always proved impracticable. It would be most interesting to compare these specimens with those from the Alaska Range.

By this time doubtless you have seen Sheldon's book 'Denali', published by Scribners more than a month ago. I hope you have found it of interest. I spent more than a year in putting his material in shape for this publication.

By an odd coincidence I have just come across the little album of photographs of Hesselborg and the Admiralty Island country, which you were good enough to give me several years ago.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

June 2, 1930

Mr. A. Brazier Howell, Secretary  
American Society of Mammalogists

My dear Mr. Howell:

Thanks for your letter of May 27, notifying me that I have been elected to honorary membership in the American Society of Mammalogists --a formal courtesy which I appreciate.

For the past week or ten days I have been intending to write you to express my pleasure in reading your charming article entitled "Tree Friends of Mine" as it appeared in the June number of Nature Magazine. No one but a true lover of the wildwoods could write such a beautiful tribute.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Howell and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



June 2, 1930

Dr. Clark Wissler  
American Museum of Natural History  
New York City

Dear Doctor Wissler:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter in regard to the most typical California Indians.

It goes without saying, of course, that no one picture can possibly illustrate the different types of culture characteristic of different parts of the State. But if you want something characteristic of "California culture" it seems to me that you must of necessity take the Sierra foothill region. And I would suggest the area north of Yosemite and south of Mount Lassen--in other words, a region falling within the ancient domain of the Mewuk and Mido groups.

You are exceptionally fortunate in having such an able artist as Janssen, who is not only an admirable artist but has unusual constructive ability.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

June 2, 1930

Mr. Francis Farquhar  
114 Sansome Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

Your letter of May 22 is before me. Am glad you are interested in Sheldon's book.

As to Judge Fry's article on the Wolverine and Badger, I don't remember to have seen it, and since receipt of your letter have looked very thoroughly. If the Sierra Club Bulletin containing this article has reached me, I could hardly have forgotten it.

Your jolt about the California Bear article gives me a pain. You don't want it half so badly as I want to write it, but I make no promises as to time. If I live to publish a few more batches of urgently needed Indian material I certainly will tackle the bear book. But I hope to start for California in the near future and to be working in the field until fall, so I don't see how I can do anything about it until too late for your next number. However, I will keep it in mind.

Mrs. Merriam and I expect to occupy our Lagunitas home during the summer and shall be glad to see you and your mother at any time. Unfortunately, my daughter will not be with us this year.

With best wishes and kindest regards to your mother,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Mr. Edmund Heller, Director  
Zool. Garden, Washington Park  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 3, 1930

Dear Heller:

Your letter of April 23 has not remained unanswered for more than a month because of lack of interest--but because I wanted I wanted to find more information along the lines requested by you.

But in the first place I want to express my appreciation of your interesting and very important article on the Breeding of Polar Bears as published in the March-April number of your Park Bulletin. You don't need to be told that this article is full of meat and an important contribution to our knowledge of the Polar Bear.

You ask particularly about the length of time the eyes of newborn bears remain closed. There are many loose statements about this, but the only specific one I find in my Black Bear file is that by J. Alden Loring, who is quoted as saying in regard to a cub born January 2 "He opened his eyes almost on the very minute he was expected to, forty days after birth."--Forest and Stream, page 692, May 2, 1908. You are probably familiar with Seton's statement that the eyes remain closed for forty days. Whether or not this is the source of Loring's record I do not know. But in the case of the Grizzly Seton says that they open

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on the ninth or tenth day--which seems surprising.

Several weights of young bears at birth have been published, mainly of Black Bears, but this has little bearing on the time that they keep their eyes shut.

In your new position you doubtless will have opportunity to record certain facts about the breeding of Bears concerning which we find mighty little information in publications. I refer particularly to the period of gestation. This is known rather accurately in the Black Bears and averages just about seven months, but for the Grizzlies and Big Brown Bears of Alaska and the Polar Bears exact information seems to be lacking. In other words, while there are dates of birth there are few if any of copulation.

With best wishes from Mrs. Merriam and myself,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



June 4, 1930

Dr Robert H. Lowie, or  
Wesleya B. Tucker, Asst.  
Univ. Calif., Berkeley

Thanks for page proof of my article on New River Indians  
recieved this afternoon and returned herewith, Air Mail.

About the plate of Saxy Kid: would suggest that it be  
put facing the first page--page 280; and that the map go at the  
end of the article, facing frontwise.

If, as I assume, more copies of the map than exactly  
required were printed, I should appreciate a few extras.

Very truly yours,



June 5, 1930

Mr. Neil M. Judd  
Bureau of Ethnology  
Smithsonian Institution

My dear Mr. Judd:

A short time ago you were kind enough to send me two of your publications, one on the Prehistoric Canals of Arizona, the other on Dating Prehistoric Pueblo Ruins. Both of these I have read with great interest and am very glad to add them to my files. I envy you your facility in writing.

The enclosed letter from Mrs. P.D. Terry of Hampton, Virginia (along with the accompanying postage) arrived several days ago, and the spear point to which she refers has now come to hand. If you will kindly turn it over to the proper Sharp for identification and reply, I shall be very much obliged.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

June 5, 1930

Mrs. P. D. Terry  
Hampton, Virginia

My dear Mrs. Terry:

The arrow point, or more probably spear point, mentioned in your letter of May 29 has now arrived.

I have not studied this kind of material and therefore am sending it to one of the Archeologists at the National Museum for identification and reply.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart



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June 5, 1930

Mr. C. O. Durham  
Durham Garage  
San Anselmo, California

Dear Sir:

Having been delayed in getting  
away, I probably shall not reach San  
Anselmo before the 18th of this month.

Please see that the battery of  
my car is kept in good condition.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Meriam*

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June 5, 1930

Doctor Lewis Meriam  
26 Jackson Place  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Meriam:

The enclosed letter from the State  
Librarian of California must be intended for  
you. I sent it to John C. Merriam, who returns  
it with the information that it was not meant  
for him.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Meriam*



June 10, 1930

Doctor Franz Boas  
Chairman, Section of Anthropology  
National Academy of Sciences

Dear Doctor Boas:

Your letter of the 4th instant asking for a preliminary vote in order to combine on one of the Ethnologists proposed for election to the National Academy, is at hand.

So many good men are on the waiting list that I find myself embarrassed in attempting to make a selection. My first preference would be for Lowie, Kidder, Cole, or Morley; and I am willing to join the majority in voting for any of these.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

June 10, 1930

Mr. Fenley Hunter  
Flushing, New York

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Your interesting letter of the 4th instant contained much regarding your field work already accomplished, and that planned for the near future. You surely are making important contributions to our knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep along the eastern border of their range. I envy you your youth, enthusiasm, and ability to get into out-of-the-way regions from which information and specimens are badly needed.

It is good to know that you have put a sheep from the South Nahanni in the Biological Survey collection. I had not heard of it. In fact, I rarely visit the Museum nowadays--because of great pressure of work on unfinished manuscripts.

Your copy of 'Denali' I endorsed and returned yesterday by mail insured.

I am leaving for California in a few days, but hope to see you again next fall or winter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Doctor David White  
Secretary, Nat. Acad. Sciences

June 10, 1930

Dear Doctor White:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant in regard to a proposed enlargement of the Section of Anthropology and Psychology so as to include human anatomy, would say that in my judgment the Section is already far too large--so large indeed that very few of those proposed for membership are known even by name to the members of the Membership Committee.

In my judgment the Academy has always erred in its fear of making enough sections to cover the needs of present day science. The result is that the sections are far too comprehensive--making it difficult to obtain a majority for any candidate. Another serious error is the Academy's rule to force its members to declare themselves addicted to only a single interest. For instance, I am not permitted to belong to both the Zoological and Anthropological Sections, although my life work is about equally divided between these two--not to mention my work in Botany. The only reason given me for this restriction strikes me as a mathematical absurdity.

There are several other matters in which the High Lords of the Academy are far too arbitrary and high-handed to conform to the usual practices of democratic governments.

Several years ago I received pedigree blanks accompanied by a circular asking a lot of questions, some of which would require weeks to answer fully, and some using language quite shocking

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to a modest man like myself. For instance, I was asked for "mental or emotional characteristics of the propositus". Do you honestly think this a proper question to ask a man who respects his ancestors and strives to live a virtuous life?

You, being a patient and long-suffering man, may be willing to listen a moment to a complaint which the authorities of the Academy seem to regard as trivial. I refer to the high power electric lights in the lecture hall. Their unmitigated glaring intensity is terrible to men of sensitive eyes. Why should men eminent in science and humanity inflict such cruel punishment on those of us who seek enlightenment from their words of wisdom? Doctor L.O. Howard and several others have spoken of the acute suffering caused by these lights. I have personally called the matter to the attention of Mr. Gano Dunn and Mr. Paul Brockett, but evidently it is not considered of sufficient importance to merit amelioration.

Pardon me for annoying a man of your position and eminence with such trivial matters, but in view of my advanced years I know you will forgive me.

With best wishes for many happy returns to the field of your most recent achievements--the Grand Canyon,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



June 10, 1930

Mr. John M. Holzworth  
Bar Building  
White Plains, New York

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of May 29. I am exceedingly busy trying to close up work here in order to renew field work in California.

Your letter gives me much satisfaction as I had feared you would deem my criticisms too severe.

In conclusion, I want to thank you for your kindness in having some bear photographs enlarged to send me. I surely will appreciate them.

With best wishes, and in great haste,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

June 10, 1930

Mr. James Willard Schultz  
2530 Benvenue Avenue  
Berkeley, California

Dear Will:

Your letter came some little time ago, but I have been too overwhelmed with work and too uncertain as to the time of going to California to have written.

You are to be congratulated on your joint work with Miss Jessie Donaldson on the 'Mythology of the Kutenai Indians.' I hope to live to see the outcome in another of your interesting volumes. It is good also to know that you have a new book 'The Sun God's Children' about to appear.

You ask about my cousin, Doctor Clinton L. Bagg. Unfortunately he died several years ago.

I am leaving soon for Lagunitas and shall be glad to see you sometime this summer when you motor out. You had better phone the Postmaster in advance to find out if I am there, as I am away on field work a large part of the time.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



June 10, 1930

Professor Sherman D. Thatcher  
Ojai, California

My dear Professor Thatcher:

Glad to hear from you again.

On looking in my Chumash vocabulary I find that the name I got for 'moon' is Dw-hi'--thus agreeing with Kroeber's statement as to the meaning of this word in the Chumash language.

Kroeber says that Topa Topa is a Chumash place name, but I have not found it in my vocabularies. However, Topo is the wellknown name for the mole in Mexican Spanish and I have supposed its application to our pocket gopher is natural for the reason that the natives in most parts of Mexico call the pocket gopher by this name--in other words, failing to discriminate between 'mole' and 'pocket gopher'.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



C. Hart Merriam accepts with pleasure the invitation of the President and Board of Trustees of the National Geographic Society to meet Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd and his Command at luncheon at the Willard Hotel Friday, June twentieth at half after one o'clock.

June 13, 1930

June 13, 1930

Postmaster  
Lagunitas, California

My dear Mr. Gahan:

Mrs. Merriam and I expect to arrive at Lagunitas Tuesday, June 20th, so please hold for us any mail that may be received before that date.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



June 13, 1930

Publisher  
Science  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

Kindly change my mailing address for the summer, for Science and The Scientific Monthly, beginning with the next issue, from 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C. to Lagunitas, Marin County, California, returning to the old address the 1st of October.

Very  
*Yours,*

Similar letter to:

American Forests, 1523 I Street, Washington, D.C.  
Field and Stream, 24 W 45th St., New York City  
Literary Digest, 354 Fourth Ave., New York City  
Motor Land, 1628 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif.  
National Geographic Magazine, 16th St., Washington  
Nature Magazine, 1214 16th Street, Washington  
Outdoor Life, 1824 Curtis Street, Denver, Colo.  
Rod and Gun in Canada, Gardenvale, Quebec P.O. Box 125, Station "A", Montreal, Quebec.  
Boonville Herald, Boonville, New York  
Science & Scientific Monthly *see dated June 13, 1930*



June 16, 1930

Dr. Robert H. Lowie  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Lowie:

I am leaving the end of this week for California, where my regular post office address for the summer will be Lagunitas, Marin County.

However, when you send the separates of my article on the Tlchomtshoi Indians, kindly send by express to San Anselmo, where I will call for the package--there being no express office at Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



June 16, 1930

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly  
send me the usual advance of \$500. for field  
expenses in California.

I am starting Friday, June 20.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



June 17, 1930

Dr. Robert H. Lowie  
 Editor, American Anthropologist  
 or Wesleya B. Tucker  
 Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Lowie:

Thanks for proof of the Entimbitch article just received, and returned herewith.

As I wrote you yesterday, I expect to reach Lagunitas early next week, and therefore should be glad to have the separates of my Tiohom-tahoi article sent addressed to me at San Anselmo, Marin County--there being no express office at Lagunitas.

The Entimbitch article I assume will not be ready before October, for which reason the separates had better be sent to my Washington address--1919 Sixteenth Street.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

*Have been much interested  
 in reading your article books  
 on Religion*

June 17, 1930

Mr. C. A. Herwell  
 Park Naturalist  
 Yosemite National Park

Dear Mr. Herwell:

In compliance with your request, I am sending you by this mail a copy of my paper on 'Distribution and Classification of the Mewan Stock in California'.

So few copies of this publication remain that I had feared it would be impossible to find one for you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



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June 17, 1930

Mr. E. A. Preble  
Biological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Preble:

Herewith I am enclosing for the Journal of Mammalogy a brief note on the nest of the California Graysquirrel, along with two photographs. One shows the nest as it was when the large outer covering of small branches of green leaves was removed, the other the same nest with entrance enlarged to show the felted nest chamber.

I would suggest that these photographs be enlarged to double their present size.

If the article is put in type before October, please send proof to me at Lagonitas.

Very truly yours,  
*L. M. S. Harrison*

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June 18, 1930

Professor P. F. Latta  
Tulare, California

My dear Professor Latta:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter which reached me early in May. I have been overwhelmed with work, trying to finish a couple of articles for publication before leaving for my summer home at Lagunitas, California, for which I am setting out day after tomorrow.

It is good that your History of San Joaquin Valley is so far advanced that you are looking forward to publication. I congratulate you on the interesting information you obtained from the antiquated Indian, Pah-mit. It is impossible to learn too much from these old Indians, very few of whom are still living, as you of course are well aware.

You ask for photographs of Yokut Indians. This is the main cause of my delay in writing, since the digging out of these photos taken many years ago is quite a serious task. However, I have succeeded in finding three, which I am enclosing herewith--none of them very good.

The ones of the Kosho-o woman and the Wiktohumne man and daughter are underexposed, but still may be brought out by a skillful printer. The one of the Chukchensy man and wife is faded, but can be strengthened I believe by any competent photographer. Regretting that I cannot do better for you at present, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



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June 18, 1930

Cashier  
Crocker First National Bank  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing check on  
the National Metropolitan Bank of this city  
for five hundred dollars (\$500), which  
kindly place to my account.

Please send acknowledgement to  
Lagunitas, Marin County, where I expect to  
arrive in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



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June 18, 1930

Doctor Walter K. Fisher  
Director, Hopkins Marine Lab.  
Pacific Grove, California

Dear Walter:

Inasmuch as the last miscellaneous Zoological sendings were not unwelcome, I am firing off a second batch today, which I trust may contain something of interest to you or your students.

We were pained to learn that your good wife had been knocked out by appendicitis, but are relieved to know that she has recovered and is in good condition again.

We hope it will be practicable for you both to see us at Lagunitas during the summer. We are starting for California day after tomorrow. In case you are able to come, better phone to the Postmaster at Lagunitas to find out if we are there as I am out on trips a good deal of the time.

With best wishes to you both,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



June 18, 1930

Mr. George W. Stewart  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Stewart:

When your excellent and attractive little book on the Big Trees arrived about three weeks ago, I intended to express my appreciation at once, but great pressure of various kinds--including the preparation of manuscript and proof reading--has caused the delay.

You certainly have brought together a lot of interesting facts, a large part of which obviously are from your own personal observations. And the photographic illustrations by Emily's husband add greatly to the beauty and interest of the work.

You are such a quiet self-contained man that one never knows what you have up your sleeve--and I had never suspected that you had such a work in preparation.

Mrs. Merriam and I are leaving for California day after tomorrow. Our base as usual during the summer will be at Legunitas.

In connection with some of my field trips I hope to call on you at Sacramento and also to avail myself of the opportunity to see the photograph pictures in your office.

With best wishes and kindest regards to Mrs. Stewart and yourself,

As ever yours,

C. Hart



June 20, 1930

Dr David White  
Secy National Academy  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor White:

In obedience to your several requests I am enclosing herewith my pedigree, together with the asked-for illustrations--take your pick.

Trusting that these may enliven your files  
and at the same time relieve my conscience,  
and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. W. & P. J. W.



July 1, 1930

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for  
the month of June, amounting to \$449.18, along  
with salary vouchers for June for Dorothy A.  
Grover, Stenographer-Secretary (\$180), and  
Mrs. Zenaida M. Talbot, Assistant (\$20).

Kindly pay these from the Harriman  
Fund, as usual.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

June Account

June 1	Telegram to American Anthropologist, Berkeley	60
7	Louis, Primitive Religion	1 75
7	Kastman Kodak Company, 2 enlargements & 5 flat prints	1 60
	bus fares and car tokens	1 00
	Washing office windows	1 35
	Cleaning office rooms	2 50
	Postage and stamped envelopes	77
	telephone June 6-July 5 1/3 of 5.50	1 83
13	2 fares, self and asst., Wash <sup>n</sup> -S.F. @ 130.45	260 90
13	Drawing room Wash <sup>n</sup> -S.F. (3 persons, 2 official)	
	2/3 of \$111	74 00
19	Wash <sup>n</sup> 2 trunks to station	1 60
21	Pullman car porter Chicago	25
22-24	meals on dining car, Wash <sup>n</sup> -S.F. for self	14 00
22-24	" " " " " for assistant	11 40
24	Pullman porter, San Francisco	1 00
24	San Francisco baggage transfer	25
24	2 RR fares San Francisco-Lagunitas, round trip @ \$1.20	2 40
24	Lagunitas, baggage in	1 00
24	Express chgs. Wash <sup>n</sup> -Lagunitas 1 chest vocabularies,	
	1 carton tribe lists, 1 package maps	19 31
25	Durham Garage, Storage & Service Calif. car Oct-June	47 10
27	repairs on car (generator and pump)	2 00
27	Fare, San Anselmo-San Francisco and return	60
	Wash <sup>n</sup> : Gas May 20-June 18 \$5.90 1/3 of 5.90	1 97
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*C. Hart Merriam*



July 10, 1930

Mr. George W. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. White:

Thanks for statement of my account as of June 30.

In preparing my personal tax return for year ended June 30, 1930, I find myself greatly embarrassed by the absence of information as to the amount of some of the Bonds held by me.

All are of \$1000 denomination, but in three cases, if I remember correctly, I have two bonds of the same railroad; in all the others, one each. Those of which I have two I am not sure about, but think they are the C B & Q 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1949, one of the two issues of M I M & N, and possibly the C M & St Paul.

If not too much trouble, will you kindly have my deposit slips (or some other record) examined, in order to ascertain for which bonds I have deposited two coupons for collection?

My trouble arises from the recent change in date of the tax return from January to July. Heretofore I was always in Washington in January and had access to my records, but here in California in July I lack the necessary data.

I regret very much to trouble you, but my house being closed and my daughters absent I do not think of any other way to obtain the necessary information.

Very truly yours,



July 11, 1930

Mr. J. D. Cochran  
Barkerville, B. C.

Dear Mr. Cochran:

Your letter about the grizzly Bear skull reaches me at my California base.

You do not say whether the bear in question was a male or a female. However, I should be glad to have the skull, but cannot see it before October or November on my return to Washington.

If you send it please address U.S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., and as usual attach a label to the skull giving the sex, date of killing, and your name and address.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 11, 1930

Mr. William Pflueger, Asst. Cashier  
Crocker First National Bank  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in giving me the asked for quotations as of July 1 for the list of securities sent you a few days ago.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



July 11, 1930

Doctor Franz Boas  
Columbia University  
New York City

Dear Doctor Boas:

Returning to my summer place at Lagunitas, California, I find your letter of the 2nd instant awaiting attention.

In order to combine on the anthropological candidate having the largest number of votes for election to the National Academy, I herewith cast my vote for Lowie, who in the preliminary ballot received four.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*

July 11, 1930

Mr. Garry A. Willard  
Boonville Herald  
Boonville, New York

My dear Mr. Willard:

On reaching my summer home at Lagunitas I found your letter of the 14th instant awaiting attention.

Although it is now half a century since we last met, I remember you with pleasure, and should you visit Washington during the winter season should be very glad if you would let me know.

Like yourself I am an old man and very busy, and although not so active as formerly, am still able to work in the field. Am starting tomorrow for a trip up Sacramento valley and into the mountains in order to do a little more work with vanishing tribes of Indians.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*



July 12, 1930

Mr. E.W. Gifford  
Am. Anthropological Assoc.  
Parnassus and 2nd Avenues  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Gifford:

Having left Washington before the receipt  
of the April-June number of the Anthropologist, I  
am anxious to see it.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will  
kindly have a copy sent me at Lagunitas with bill  
for same.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



July 18, 1930

Mr. W. Knickerbocker  
Lang Realty Company  
39 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Knickerbocker:

Thanks for Automobile Liability and  
Property Damage policy just received. In payment  
for it I am enclosing herewith my check on the  
Crocker bank for \$23.62.

As I expect to return to Washington  
not later than November, I assume that a rebate  
will be allowed.

With thanks for your attention in the  
matter,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*

July 18, 1930

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Receipted voucher for my June expense  
account (\$449.18) is herewith enclosed.

I shall be obliged if you will place  
Miss Dorothy A. Grover on your payroll beginning  
July 1 at the rate of \$2400 per year, so that  
hereafter monthly pay checks may be sent direct  
to her (at Lagunitas until further notice) to  
avoid delay and bother of sending in vouchers each  
month.

Am just back from a field trip to Indians  
in the Feather River country, where the temperature  
ranged from 104° to 114° every day and the nights were  
so hot that one could not stand bedcovers.

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*



July 31, 1930

Mr. George W. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Very many thanks for your kindness and promptness in sending me in reply to my inquiry a detailed statement of the Bonds owned by me.

I am surprised that you have so full an account of my resources and, being away from home, am greatly obliged for the information. Please convey my thanks also to Mr. Edward Reichsang, who prepared the detailed statement.

I have just returned from a nine hundred mile trip through the great canyons of northern California--the Trinity, Klamath, and Salmon--where for probably at least two hundred miles the roads are so narrow and tortuous that there are very few places where it is possible to pass another car in case one is encountered. But the scenery, including splendid forests, deep canyons, and lofty snow-capped mountains, is well worth going a long distance to behold.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

July 31, 1930

Doctor A.L. Kroeber  
University of California

Dear Doctor Kroeber:

Returning from northern California, I find your recent letter awaiting attention.

The article to which you refer on the Indians of the Mount St. Helena region I never sent in for publication, although it was finished a long time ago. The trouble was with the map, there being no Geological Survey quadrangle or other detailed map of this region. However, I now have a roughly satisfactory map and hope to publish the article soon after returning to Washington.

Another reason for the delay is the circumstance that I have been more or less of an invalid for the past three years.

I shall be exceedingly interested in your article on the Patwin.

It is pleasing to find that you esteem my recent article on the New River-Salmon River Indians.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman



July 31, 1930

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of July, amounting to \$312.35.

During the month I succeeded in making two important trips--one to one of the canyons of Feather River in northeastern California, the other to and through the tremendous canyons of the Trinity, Klamath, and Salmon Rivers in the northwestern part of the State.

In the course of this latter trip I obtained material from the last survivor of one of the Salmon River tribes.

The roads through these canyons and over the intervening lofty ridges are so narrow, tortuous, and rocky that they are rather destructive to automobiles, resulting in my case in rather expensive repair bills--as you may see from the accompanying account. Among other things the oil feed to engine broke--letting out the oil, which had to be replaced whenever possible.

While in the valleys we endured temperatures up to 112° and 114°, the mountain ridges were decidedly cold, especially at night.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California

## Expense Account for July 1930

July 2	San Anselmo: 11 gals. gas (gas war low price)	1	1 87
2	" " Tire repairs	1	1 50
7	Mausalito-San. Fran. return (for 2--self & asst.)		50
7	San Fran. street cars (for 2).50; Lunch (for 2) 1.80		2 30
7	Telephone .25; Car seat cover .50		75
7	Change film Leica Camera 1.00; 4 rolls film 1.00		2 00
7	MS clamps		40
7	Focusing hand light for car 1.00; Batteries .55		1 55
7	Pocket scope		2 00
7	Chas. Brown: Long paper shears & knife	2	6 40
7	Spindler & Sautpe: 2 Leica mags. 4.80; 3 rolls film & 3		10 00
9	San Rafael-S.F. ret. Self & Asst 1.20; St cars & taxi 60		1 80
9	Lunch for 2 (San Fran.)		1 60
9	Patrick & Co. Stationery	4	1 75
9	San Rafael: 9 gals. gas		1 92
9	" " J.E. French Co: New parts & labor, Dodge car	5	23 50
12-16	AUTO TRIP to Feather Riv. Canyon, self & 2 assts: 3		
12	Napa: Lunch 1.85; 7 gals. gas 1.68		3 53
12	Colusa: Dinner (for 3)		3 15
13	" Riverside Hotel, 2 rooms (Self & 2 Assts.)	6	6 50
13	" Garage (.50 & .25).75; breakfast 2.40		3 15
13	Pd Kachil Indian (Wiley) 1.00		1 00
13	Chico: Lunch (for 3)		1 90
13	" Alemite & change oil	7	3 60

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California

14	Oroville Inn: 2 rooms 8.00; 3 dinners 3.75	8	11 75
14	" " 3 breakfasts		2 00
14	" Garage .50; 12 gals. gas 2.94		3 44
14	Enterprise: Pd Indians (Martin & son)		2 50
14	" Lunch		83
14	Oroville Inn: 3 dinners		3 40
15	" " 2 rooms & Telephone	9	9 90
15	" Garage		50
15	Enterprise: Pd Indians (Martin) 4.00; Lunch for 3 .80		4 80
15	Marysville Hotel: 3 dinners		3 30
16	" " 2 rooms & Telephone	10	8 90
16	" " 3 breakfasts 2.50; garage .50		3 00
16	Woodland: 7 gals. gas 1.68; 1 qt. oil .35		2 03
16	vacaville: 3 lunches		1 60
17	Am. Anthropologist, Vol. 32, No. 2	11	1 50
20-25	AUTO TRIP to Trinity, Klamath, & Salmon Canyons with		
	A. Gilbert, Asst.:		
20	10 1/2 gals. gas en route 2.45; Phone 20		2 65
20	Willows: 2 suppers		2 00
21	" Hotel Barton, 2 rooms (self & asst.)	12	4 00
21	" Motor Inn Garage, Storage, Alemite, chg. oil	13	4 10
21	" 2 breakfasts		2 00
21	Fawn Lodge: 2 lunches		2 00



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Lagunitas, Marin Co., California

21 Orland: 4 gals. gas 1.04; Weaverville 3 1/2 gas. 81; Rivet. 25	2 10
22 Willow Cr. Hotel: Supper, lodging & breakfast for 2 14	5 50
22 Orleans: 7 gals. gas 2.10; 4 qts. oil 1.40	3 50
22 Some Bar: Lunch 1.50; Supper en route 1.60	3 10
23 Skfst. en route 1.80; 2 Dinners Cecilville 2.00	3 80
23 Pd Indian (Mrs. George) 1.00; 6 rolls film 1.50	2 50
23 Supper en route	1 80
24 breakfast en route 1.60; Lunch Etna Mills 1.50	3 10
24 Etna: car repair. 75; Oil. 40; rt. Jones 9 gals. gas 2.52	3 67
24 wedding: 7 gals. gas 1.82; 5 qts. oil 1.75	3 57
24 " Hotel Supper	2 50
25 Red Bluff: Tremont Hotel, room for 2	4 00
25 " " Skfst. 2.00; Porter for baggage .20	2 20
25 " " Repair Oil leak 1.50; 2 qts. oil. 50; garage. 50	2 50
25 Arbuckle: Lunch 1.80; 6 1/2 gals. gas 1.60	3 40
25 Carquinas Bridge toll .80; Richmond Ferry 1.08	1 88
25 San Rafael: 6 gals. gas	1 38
25 AMGilbert, Servcs. July 12-16 & 20-25 incl. 11 da. @ \$4 17	44 00
28 San Rafael-San Fran. ret. 60; Street cars .35	95
28 Glen Co. map .50; Weaverville sheet .15	65
28 Pad note books	45
28 Dinner (San Francisco)	1 00
30 San Raf. - San Fran.: 2 returns	1 20
30 Spindler & Bauppe: Photo work	9 98
30 Lunches (2) 1.15; Phone .15; St cars .35	1 65

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Lagunitas, Marin Co., California

30 Rubber bands. 10; Memo pads .10	20
30 Car 'Kushpad'	3 00
30 San Rafael: J. E. French Co; Dodge Car, Adjusting Engine bearings, &c	19 10 15
31 San Raf.: J. E. French Co.: Dodge new clutch parts installed	20 28 05
Stamped envelopes (25)	55
31 San Rafael: 5 gals. gas	1 15

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C. Hart Merriam

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August 6, 1930

Mr. Fred Lookley  
Portland, Oregon

My dear Sir:

Thanks for book lists recently  
received and returned herewith.

In list number 37, page 2, you  
mention a copy of report by A.H. Ruffner  
on a Reconnaissance in the Ute Country in  
1873, one dollar.

If not already sold, please send  
to me, addressed here at Lagunitas, California.

Very truly yours,

August 6, 1930

National Circulating Company  
17 West 45th Street  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

There has been forwarded to me from my Washington  
home address (1919 16th Street) a bill acknowledging payment  
of four dollars "to representative", and asking for a balance  
of four dollars "on contract".

I am not aware that I signed any contract, but do  
remember that I paid the young man who called four dollars  
for subscription to Asia for one year. I remember also that  
the magazine never came and that to date I have not received  
a single number.

Is it not a trifle out of the ordinary that you  
should ask for an additional year's subscription before sending  
me the numbers for the year for which I have already paid?

If you will kindly send the numbers due me to my  
permanent address (1919 16th Street, Washington) they will be  
taken care of until my return.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Ruffner*



August 7, 1930

Mr. U. A. Harwell  
Park Naturalist  
Yosemite, California

Dear Mr. Harwell:

Your letter of July 15 awaited my return from a field trip.

It is interesting to know that you of the National Park Service are employing Indian women in basket making, food preparation, game playing, dancing, and singing for the benefit and entertainment of visitors.

But you say nothing as to the tribes who are doing these things. I trust you always tell your audiences who these Indians are, so they will not be led to believe that what they see is a part of the life of the aboriginal inhabitants of Yosemite when in fact nearly if not all of the Indians now there belong not only to totally different tribes but to tribes of widely different linguistic stocks--stocks whose languages are not interchangeably understood.

With best wishes,

very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 7, 1930

Miss Alice Reading  
Anderson, Shasta County  
California

Dear Miss Reading:

For some time I have been intending to write you to ask if you could tell me the exact location of the Indian village Chino. I have been told that it was near old Monroeville, on the west side of Sacramento River a little above the mouth of Stony Creek.

Do you know if this is correct? And how far north of Monroeville was your father's ranch of the early '50's?

I am much interested in the early history of this region--particularly in the locations and names of Indian rancherias.

With best wishes,

very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



August 7, 1930

Doctor Joseph Grinnell  
University of California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Herewith I am enclosing a note on the occurrence of the White-tail Kite north of the Bay, thinking that you might care for it for the Condor.

I have recently returned from an interesting trip through the big canyons of the northern part of the State, and expect to be fairly active during the present season as I am in better health than a year ago.

I hope to see you in Berkeley at some time during the season, but will be much pleased if you and Mrs. Grinnell could drive over to see us. If so and you let me know a little in advance, Mrs. M. and I will be sure to be at home.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

THE WHITE-TAIL KITE (*Elanus leucurus*).

A note in The Condor, contributed by E.L. Bickford of Napa, records the breeding of the White-tail Kite in Napa Valley, California.--Condor, Vol. 31, No. 1, p 36, Jan.-Feb. 1929.

This stimulates me to remark that during recent years I have several times seen individual Kites of this species in Marin County, usually over the marshes bordering the north shore of San Francisco Bay.

The first one noted was hovering over the flat below Mill Valley just east of the school house on the morning of October 11, 1920. About a month later (Nov. 14, 1920) J. Eugene Law saw one on the flat between San Rafael and Point San Quentin.

On May 21, 1925, while Dr. F.V. Coville and I were driving north on our way to the Redwood highway we saw one near Ignacio station, seven miles north of San Rafael.

The last Kite seen by me was on November 2, 1928, when returning from a field trip by way of Black Point Cutoff. Approaching the Petaluma Creek drawbridge I was delighted to see one of these beautiful Kites gracefully circling and darting about over the open meadows. Just before arriving at the draw it dropped to a post close by and remained there while I passed. This is the only time I have seen one alight. Usually they are on the wing.

Mr. Bickford's breeding record is of much interest, being so far as I am aware the only one for the north side of San Francisco Bay.

C. Hart Merriam



August 7, 1930

Mr. C. E. Rachford  
Assistant Forester  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Rachford:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the Summary of Big Game Animals in National Forests as estimated for 1927, 1928, and 1929. These are interesting, and in the case of certain animals--as Antelope, and to a less degree Mountain Goats and Sheep outside of Alaska--the figures given may be fairly approximate.

But in the case of the Black or Brown Bears and Deer they must of course be little better than guesses--for how in the world can anyone count animals which he rarely if ever sees?

Just how the increase in the percentages of Black Bear and Deer, and the alleged decrease of Mountain Sheep and Goats in Alaska were obtained is a little hard to understand.

Nevertheless, the estimates are interesting, and I thank you for sending me a copy.

very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



August 9, 1930

Mr. Maxwell B. Perkins  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
New York City

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Field work in California has delayed me in replying to your letter in regard to a Bear book.

For more than thirty years I have had two Bear books in mind--one a popular book octavo size, the other a large monographic division of the American species illustrated by half a dozen magnificent colored paintings by Mungius (which are already in hand), photographs of characteristic skulls and teeth, and photographs of some of the regions in which the various bears have their homes.

The small popular book was completed and typed at least twenty years ago. It requires a small amount of revision and the addition of a good deal of interesting material acquired since it was put away. Materials in both cases are in my files at Washington.

The completion of the large book will require more time than I am willing to give at present. The small book could be finished in a comparatively short time.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

August 9, 1930

Mr. A. H. Ford, Director  
Pan-Pacific Union  
Honolulu, T.H.

My dear Sir:

Acknowledging your attractive invitation of July 21 to be present at a lunch with Doctor Frederick Krauss at the Cosmos Club on the 26th of this month, would say that unfortunately my field work in California will prevent my return to Washington until a much later date.

Thanking you and Doctor Krauss for the invitation,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



August 14, 1930

Mr. E. W. Gifford, Treasurer  
Am. Anthropological Assoc.  
Parnassus and 2nd Avenues  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Gifford:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th instant enclosing itemized bill of \$130.93 for printing of my article on the New River Indians.

I am wondering if some of these items were not paid about the 1st of May from the two bills you sent me the latter part of April, amounting to \$82.54. One of these was for the colored map, the other for the reproduction of the photograph of Saxy Kid, last survivor of the Elohomtahoí tribe. If you will kindly look this up and let me know, I will send your bill in with my August account about the end of the month.

I am glad to know that my Antimbitch article will appear in Number 3.

When in the city I shall be glad to accept your invitation to call on you at the Museum.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*E. W. Gifford*



August 21, 1930

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Returning from a trip in the southern  
Sierra in the course of which I obtained important  
material from three tribes of Indians, I do not  
find in my accumulated mail the expected return  
from my July account.

This account amounted to \$312.35 and was  
accompanied by twenty subvouchers. It was mailed  
on August 1. Did you not receive it?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Telegram

August 22

N W Dorsey  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington D C

Disregard yesterday's letter. Yours received today



August 23, 1930

Forest Service  
North Fork, Madera County  
California

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly tell me the best way to reach the Sycamore Creek country between Tollhouse and Cole Spring? More than twenty years ago I spent some time in this region but was then on horseback and went in by way of Trimmer, Watts Valley, and Burr Valley.

And can you tell me where there are any stopping places where we may stay over night without being obliged to carry beds?

And can you give me similar information as to Dunlap in Mill Valley, and Eshom Valley south of Badger?

The information furnished me by your office during my recent visit to North Fork is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. H. H. H. H.*

August 23, 1930

Miss Alice M. Reading  
1261 East Street  
Medding, California

Dear Miss Reading:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 18th instant, which has awaited my return from a trip in the southern Sierra. I am obliged for the information, even though you were not able to help me as to the exact location of Chino.

I would write Mr. John Wiles in accordance with the suggestion in Miss Rosena Wiles' letter, but do not know where he lives.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. H. H. H.*



August 23, 1930

Mr. George W. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

On returning from a trip in the Sierra where I worked with several tribes of Indians, I find your letter of the 12th instant awaiting attention.

In compliance with your suggestion, I have signed and am herewith returning the check you enclosed for \$5000, payable to George W. White for M.E. Baker, for which you kindly offered to secure another first mortgage note for me.

Thanking you for your attention in the matter,

Very truly yours,



August 26, 1930

Mr. Guy Hopping  
Assistant Superintendent  
Gen. Grant National Park

Dear Mr. Hopping:

In the near future I am hoping to visit some Indians in the Kings River country--using the term in a very comprehensive way. I want to work a day or two with the Indians in the neighborhood of Sycamore Creek or Cole Spring. I was there many years ago but neglected to obtain information which now I very much need.

At that time I also visited a Kokoheba rancheria on a high hill on the west side of Sycamore Creek, which hill I suppose is Durre Mountain.

I want also to visit Dunlap, and if any Indians are in the vicinity of Millwood or General Grant National Park to visit them also.

Is the road from North Fork to Trimmer in fairly good shape?

And can you tell me about stopping places? I don't want to carry a bed and camp outfit if it can be avoided and am wondering if there are any stopping places in the Sycamore Creek area or in the Dunlap country.

I hate to bother a busy man but am badly in need of this information before setting out on the contemplated trip.

With best wishes,

very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



August 27, 1930

Postmaster  
Wayton, California

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly tell me whether  
or not an old Indian named John Auble is  
still living at or near Wayton?

If so, I shall be greatly  
obliged.

Very truly yours,



Mr. E. W. Gifford  
Parnassus and 2nd Avenues  
San Francisco, California

August 29, 1930

Dear Mr. Gifford:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, I regret to say that I shall not be able to write the obituary notice you wish of Henry W. Henshaw. A similar request has come from Science.

I am so overwhelmed with both field and office work and so slow in preparing manuscript that I cannot spare the necessary time and strength. And furthermore, to prepare such an article would require numerous references to activities and dates for which the essentials are not at hand.

I first met Henshaw in 1872. During that year we were on rival Government Surveys--he on the Wheeler Survey, I on the Hayden. At that time W.H. Holmes (once chief of the Bureau of Ethnology) and G.K. Gilbert (America's leading geologist) also were on these rival Surveys--Gilbert with Wheeler, Holmes with Hayden.

One of the results of these 1872 contacts was that Henshaw, Gilbert, Holmes, and I became intimate personal friends--an intimacy that continued until the time of Gilbert's death.

Henshaw, as you know, prepared at Major Powell's request the historic map of the Indian tribes of North America--a map that with the help of numerous collaborators represented the then extant knowledge of the areas occupied by the various stocks and tribes.

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Naturally it was a great advance over Gallatin's map--which for its period was equally important.

At the time Henshaw was engaged in the preparation of the map he was at work also on a Synopsis of North American Tribes (the title of which was subsequently changed to Handbook of American Indians). <sup>Of this material</sup> Henshaw published a large quarto brochure, copies of which were distributed to several American anthropologists for suggestions and additions.

The work was so stupendous and required the labor of so many men that it was not completed until long after Henshaw had left the Bureau-- in fact not until Hodge, when chief of the Bureau in 1907 and 1910, succeeded in publishing it for the benefit of all students of American Indians. Hodge, as you may or may not know, was Henshaw's personal assistant at the time Henshaw brought out the Powell map and the large quarto sample brochure of the contemplated Handbook.

Henshaw was a versatile man of many interests. As a young man his first love was ornithology. His father lived at Wellesley near Cambridge. Cambridge was then the home of William Brewster, Thomas M. Brewer, Ruthven Deane, C.J. Maynard and other ardent young bird students whose names now occupy high places on the roll of honor of American ornithologists.

In this connection it should be recorded that <sup>Henshaw and William Brewster</sup> when young ~~men Henshaw and William Brewster~~ became our most proficient field



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ornithologists, and in the preparation of bird skins set a standard which has been followed to the present day. Half a century ago I was an interested witness of skinning matches between Robert Ridgway, Dr. Elliott Coues, Henshaw, and Brewster. The two latter were nearly a tie. If my memory serves me correctly, Henshaw skinned, poisoned, stuffed, labeled, and completed the preparation of a small bird inside of three minutes.

From early manhood until well after middle age he was enthusiastic in his work and entertaining in conversation--one whose companionship and advice were sought. At the same time he was modest and diffident, and only rarely could be induced to present papers before scientific societies.

Henshaw developed fairly good administrative ability but was lacking in one quality which came near wrecking his life. The quality referred to is the courage of decision. Major Powell intended that Henshaw should succeed him as head of the Bureau of Ethnology; but Henshaw dreaded to assume authority over his associates and was extremely sensitive to criticism.

On leaving the Bureau he went to the island of Hilo, Hawaii, where he remained for about ten years. He made field studies of Hawaiian birds and prepared a paper on the ornithology of the Islands. During the same period he took a series of rather remarkable photographs of island scenery (using glass negatives of large size and permanent platinum paper for the prints). The sale of these through a business establishment in Honolulu furnished

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him a comfortable livelihood during his long period of self-imposed exile.

On his return to Washington I secured his appointment as administrative assistant on the Biological Survey; and later, on resigning from the Survey, named him as my successor. Here, unfortunately, he soon developed the same weakness that had characterized the latter part of his career in the Bureau of Ethnology: namely, deficiency of courage and reluctance to make final decisions.

After resigning from the Biological Survey he became interested in the work of our mutual friend, Dr. <sup>Albert</sup> Mann, with whom he associated himself in the study of Diatoms, showing much skill in the preparation of microscope slides.

During his later years he was much alone, especially evenings, and amused himself in assembling a number of albums of photographs (mainly taken by himself), and in listening to musical records of the Victrola, of which he had a goodly number.

His final mental breakdown may be attributed, I think, to the loneliness of his declining years.

In beginning this letter, I had no intention whatever of writing so much. However, if any of the facts here given are of value to you or whoever writes the notice they are at your disposal. Dates and more exact information could be easily furnished were I in my Washington home.

Both Dr. E.W. Nelson and Dr. <sup>Albert</sup> Mann of Washington could give much information concerning Henshaw's later years.

Very truly yours,



August 30, 1930

Doctor A. L. Kroeber  
University of California

Dear Doctor Kroeber:

Your letter of the 28th instant catches me between field trips.

No, I fear I shall not be able to have a paper at the meeting of the National Academy September 19 and 20. I expect to be away in the field at that time, but if I return in season shall be very glad to attend the meeting.

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*

August 30, 1930

Professor J. McK. Cattell  
Editor, Science  
Garrison, New York

Dear Professor Cattell:

Your letter of August 22 asking me to prepare an obituary notice of Henry W. Henshaw has been forwarded to me from Washington.

I have had a similar request from the editor of the American Anthropologist, but in both cases am obliged to decline. It takes me a long time to write a notice of this kind, and I am now engaged in field work in California, to continue until sometime in the fall.

And furthermore, a job of this kind requires a lot of research in looking up dates, events, and references for which I could not possibly spare the time even if the sources of information were available.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*



August 31, 1930

My dear Mr Mailliard:

You were not half so disappointed as Mrs Merriam and I to miss the call from your brother and yourself. It's a long time since we have had the pleasure of seeing either of you.

Have delayed answering your letter in order to be sure that we shall be home on the dates you mention--Sept. 6 and 7. This is now settled and we shall be mighty glad to see you on either day. It would be fine if your brother also could come.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Harold Merriam*

Mr Joseph Mailliard  
1815 Vallejo Street  
San Francisco, Calif.



September 2, 1930

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith are my expense vouchers for the month of August, amounting to \$316.75, and also a voucher from the American Anthropologist for \$130.93 for printing of my article on the New River Indians. Kindly pay all of these from the Harriman Fund as usual.

You will observe that during the month I purchased four new tires and tubes from Montgomery Ward at a very considerable saving over the price asked by the tire companies. Two of the old tires on the car were Mohawks purchased in Washington and driven across the continent three years ago. One of the others also was an old tire, leaving one (purchased last year) in fairly good condition, which has been put on behind as a spare.

The repair and replenishment bills for the car last month and this month have been so high as to raise the question of economy in continuing to drive a car as old as this old Dodge.

In the August field work I obtained vocabulary, geographical, and natural history material and seventy-two photographs from four tribes of Indians.

very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Expense Account for August 1930

Aug. 2	Indian Defense Assoc. of Santa Barbara; Contribution		250
4	Calif. State Auto Assoc., Maps & service to Sept. 1931		12 00
	San Rafael: 9 gals. gas		2 07
	Sausalito: car storage		35
	ferry: Sausalito-San Francisco & return		25
	San Francisco: Lunch 75; street cars 15		90
	Spindler & Sauppe: 22 Photo enlargements	1	11 00
	The Science Press: Separates, Notes Calif. Indians	2	4 17
5	Telephone, San Rafael AAA 10; Photos to Indians 12		22
	San Rafael: Alemita & oil change	3	3 60
7	Allen's Press Clippings; July, August & Sept. (3 mos.)	4	9 00
11	Muffner: The Ute Country (book)		1 00
	Telephone: S.F. local 5; Lagunitas-San Rafael 25		30
12	Montgomery Ward: 2 Super Balloon tires & tubes	5	37 06
	Tire bolts 25; battery painting, testing & nuts 35		60
	San Rafael: Mending oil can rack 50; 8 gals gas 1.84		2 34
	San Rafael-San Francisco & return 60; Fairfax-Lag. 30		90
	S.F. street cars 20; Lunch 85		1 05
	Express on book from Lockley		39
	Schwabacher-Rey Co: 36 Photo enlargements 4 x 5	6	10 94
	TRIP TO SOUTH FORK & COURSE GOLD, AUGUST 15-20 INCLUSIVE	7	5 21
	C.H.M. AND 2 ASSTS. D. GROVER & MRS. A.M. GILBERT		
Aug. 15	Sausalito-S.F. ferry (car & 3) 1.05; Lunch 2.10		3 15
	Santa Clara: 7 1/2 gals. gas 1.72; 2 gals oil 2.00		3 72

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Aug. 15	Madera: Hotel dinner 3.10; 8 rolls film 2.00		5 10
16	Lodging (2 rooms)	8	5 50
	Breakfast for 3		2 00
	Garage 50; packing pump 1.00; cup greasing 25		1 75
	7 gals gas 1.81; 3 pts oil 37		2 18
	South Fork: Luncheon for 3		2 25
	Lodging & meals for 3: sup Aug 16-bkfst Aug 18	9	20 00
18	North Fork: 7 gals gas		1 47
	Teaford Ranch: Mrs. Teaford (Indian) 3 days vocab.		10 00
	Coarse Gold: 3 lunches 2.65; water jug 25; pencils 15		3 05
	Yallinche Indians 4.00; Chukchansy Indians 1.00		5 00
19	Pohonoesh Ind. 1.00; boy guide 50; Chukchansy 4.00		5 50
20	Coarse Gold inn: Lodging & meals for 3: sup Aug 18- bkfst Aug 20, 24.20; telephone 1.80	10	26 00
	Madera: Alemita & oil change	11	3 60
	Modesto: Lunch 1.90; 10 gals gas 2.40; telephone 15		4 45
	Richmond-San Rafael ferry (car & 3 passengers)		1 26
	Supper for 3 on ferry		1 95
21	Mrs. A.M. Gilbert: Services, Asst. Aug 15-20, 6da. @ \$4	12	24 00
	breakfast		1 35
	21 Sausalito-S.F.: 2 round trips		50
	Lunch on ferry 90; S.F. street cars 30		1 20
	Sausalito: W.F. Hopkins: Repairing oil leak	13	1 35
22	San Rafael-S.F. ret 60; S.F. street cars 10;		70
	telegram to Dorsey (S.F.) 1.20; Lunch 65		1 85
Aug. 23	Montgomery Ward: 2 more Super Balloon tires & tubes	14	37 06
	San Anselmo: Express on Tlohomtaho separates		2 89
	Internat. Journ. Linguistics, Vol 6 (Pd Franz Boas)	15	5 00
26	San Rafael: Sparrow Bros, Snubber service	16	2 75
	J.E. French Co: Relining brakes, cleaning spark plugs & water system, Dodge car	17	13 75
27	Spindler & Sauppe: dev. & print Leica negs. 33 prints		3 65
28	San Anselmo: 8 gals gas		1 84
	Postage on separates Tlohomtaho article		3 48
	25 2¢ stamps 50; 2 pkgs. stamped envelopes 1.10		1 60
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C. Hart Merriam  
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September 3, 1930

Mr. John W. Mailliard  
Belvedere, California

My dear Mr. Mailliard:

Mrs. Merriam and I were much disappointed to learn that you and your brother had been good enough to come all the way up here to see us, only to find us away.

We should be only too glad to accept your invitation to call on you and Mrs. Mailliard at your beautiful home on Belvedere, but I am so behindhand in my field work and so busy here between times that it seems almost impossible to make any social calls.

We are expecting your brother on Saturday or Sunday, September 6 or 7, and should be glad if you could come with him.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs.  
Mailliard,

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Merriam*



September 4, 1930

Mr. Howard Truslow, Secretary  
Lagunitas Improvement Club

My dear Sir:

About three years ago I resigned from the Lagunitas Improvement Club for the reason that certain work on our upper road which I understood the Road Committee agreed to do was never done.

However, as I think you know, I have always intended to pay my full share for work done on this road.

Mr. Schroeder, to whom I offered a road payment today, tells me that he cannot accept money except through your office as Secretary-Treasurer of the Club. He explained the necessity for more funds and urged me to continue membership in the Club.

In order to comply with his wishes and let bygones be bygones, I herewith enclose my check for \$9.00--the same being my dues for the three years in question.

very truly yours,

*C. Hall American*

September 5, 1930

Mr. N. H. Krauss  
15 Panoramic Way  
Berkeley, California

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your request, forwarded to me from Washington, I am herewith sending you separates of the two bear articles you ask for, namely:

"Ursus holzworthi, a New Grizzly from the Talkeetna Mountains, Alaska", and

"Additional information on the range of Ursus planiceps, a Colorado Grizzly".

very truly yours,

*C. Hall American*



September 9, 1930

Mr. E. W. Gifford  
Parnassus & 2nd Avenues  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Gifford:

Replying to your inquiry of the  
5th instant would say that in writing you  
about Henshaw I had no intention of preparing  
anything for publication. But if you want  
it or any part of it, you are welcome to use  
it.

Very truly yours,



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September 23, 1930

Arthur H. Clark Company  
1214 Brand Boulevard  
Glendale, California

Dear Sirs:

Yours of the 17th instant is received, together with your check for \$19.69 in payment of royalties on the last forty-five copies of my 'Dawn of the World', for which I am very much obliged.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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September 23, 1930

Doctor E.W. Nelson  
Cosmos Club  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Returning from a recent trip in the southern Sierra foothills, including a run up to the General Grant Big Trees, I find your letter from Marquette awaiting attention.

In the course of this trip we almost circled your place at Croisi but did not actually go there. Most of the Indians of that region are now picking fruit. We secured material from six or seven tribes.

Your invitation to drop in on you at the ranch early in October looks good to me, and for the first time in many years the outlook seems favorable. I have got to visit that region again in order to obtain additional material.

Our country here at Lagunitas is in fine condition, notwithstanding the insufficient rain of last winter. We have already had two or three light showers and are hoping for more.

We are also hoping to see you as early as may be, and trust you will be fortified to withstand our low temperatures. Better bring some heavy underwear and a flannel shirt.

Elizabeth joins in affections, as usual,

As ever yours,

*C.H.M.*



September 23, 1930

Mr. E.A. Preble  
U.S. Biological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Preble:

The accompanying proof of my article on the Nest of the California Gray Squirrel arrived today, for which I am obliged. The blank in regard to extras is enclosed herewith.

I see that you have changed the specific name of the squirrel in question from fossor to griseus, thereby adopting a name published without description and therefore untenable--at least according to nearly all codes of zoological nomenclature except the International, which if I am not greatly mistaken is destined to a very brief existence, inasmuch as it changes the types of numerous genera in violation of all previous codes and is preposterous in many other ways.

In the proof the word 'tanoak' has been hyphenated. Both it and its alternate 'tanbark' are commonly spelled as one word. However, this is too trifling to make a point of.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,



September 23, 1930

Mr. George W. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Returning from a recent field trip, I do not find any memorandum from you concerning the \$5000 check sent you on August 23 for re-investment in a local mortgage.

Trusting that I am not losing interest  
on this, to me, considerable amount, and with  
best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. M. Anderson



September 24, 1930

Storekeeper  
Friant, California

My dear Sir:

A week or so ago you were kind enough to phone my assistant where old Bill Wilson (Pahmit) was to be found, as a result of which we had no trouble in locating him--for which I am very much obliged to you.

Now I want to ask another question: Just how many miles above Sulphur Springs is the falls the old man told me about, in the neighborhood of which in former days was a very large ranheria? I do not find this fall located on any of our maps.

Do you happen to know how long this old Indian is likely to stay at the MacFarland ranch, or where he will probably go from there?

Very truly yours,



September 29, 1930

Mr. George W. Stewart  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Your letter of the 12th instant reached me on my return from a recent field trip. Yes, I am still intending to go to Sacramento before returning East, but cannot say just when.

Mrs. Merriam and I are sorry to hear that Mrs. Stewart has been ill in San Francisco, but hope her recovery from now on will be rapid.

A year or so ago you published an important article on the southern Yokut tribes. The copy you were good enough to send me is in Washington, and I am wondering if you have another to spare that you can send me here. I should like very much to read it again in the light of field work I have been doing in the southern foothills and plain.

We had a thunder storm yesterday--a rare thing in this part of the world.

With best wishes to you both from Mrs. Merriam and myself,

very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 29, 1930

Doctor Robert M. Lowie  
American Anthropologist  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Lowie:

The proof of my Antimbitch article not having reached me, I am wondering if it could have been misssent.

As I am in the field a good deal of the time, I should be glad to know about when it may be expected.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



October 6, 1930

Mr. Henry S. Canby, Editor  
The Saturday Review  
25 West 45th Street, New York City

My dear Mr. Canby:

Your letter of September 25 came duly and the copy you sent me of Holworth's Wild Grizzlies of Alaska has now arrived.

But as to writing a review, this is out of the question. I am an old man and my time is under great pressure. I quit writing reviews many years ago.

However, Holworth's book contains such an unusual amount of original material based on personal observation of the habits of Admiralty Island bears that it must be read by all persons interested in these great animals. A very unusual advantage is that his narrative is backed up by a surprisingly large number of photographs which speak for themselves.

While not writing reviews, I shall of course make numerous references to the book in my publications on American Bears.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

October 6, 1930

Mr. C. C. Beach  
Tejon Ranchos  
Bakersfield, California

My dear Mr. Beach:

Your letter of September 12 is before me.

My work among the Tejon Indians was done many years ago and the material is in Washington, so that I cannot get at it until my return. Whether or not it contains anything of interest from your point of view remains to be seen.

Owing to the circumstance that the Tejon was visited by Padre Garcés in the very early days, and the additional fact that the place was one of the very few in California where Indians of various tribes gathered for purposes of trade, it is of more than ordinary interest. And furthermore, it was located at practically the meeting point of several tribes speaking different languages.

As to the spelling of Indian names and words: This is a matter on which I differ from most anthropologists. I spell Indian words according to the ordinary English sounds of the letters, and usually divide words into accented syllables, so that there may be no mistake.

Wishing you success in your undertaking and hoping to meet you at some time later,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Mr. N.W.Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Herewith is my expense account for the month of September, amounting to \$188.84 which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

very truly yours,

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Sept. 3	Lagunitas-San Francisco ret.	1.00	S.F. street cars	20	1	20
	1 doz. mailing envelopes	30	ball twine	20		50
6	Schwabacher-Frey Co. dev. & print	1 roll	#729		1	40
	" " " "	7 "	#935		2	3 27
	" " " "	2 pkg.	Manila, 50-clasp encls.		3	1 45
	J.E. French Co.: install oil gauge, repair motor block				4	80

TRIP TO MILL VALLEY (DUNLAP), SQUAW VALLEY, VISALIA & OAKLAND	
Sept. 9-18, 1930.	C. H. M. & Dorothy Grover, Asst.
Sept. 9	Ferry San Rafael-Richmond: car & 2 passengers 1 09
	Oakland: 9 gals. gas 2.07; Tracy: 2 dinners 2.20 4 27
10	Tracy: Lodging, New Tracy Inn, 2 rooms 5 6 00
	2 bkfst. 1.80; garage .50 2 30
	Alemite & chg. oil 6 3 10
	Madera: 2 lunches 1.05; 8 gals. gas 1.84 2 89
11	Gen. Grant Lodge: Cabin, dinner & bkfst. for 2 7 17 00
	Guide to Sequoia & Gen. Grant Parks, by A. F. Hall 75
15	Dunlap: Board & ldg. for 2 (2 rooms), lunch Sept 11- 8 20 00
	bkfst Sept 15 incl. (24 meals) 3 40
	Squaw Valley: 2 lunches 1.40; 10 gals. gas 2.00 4 00
16	Fresno: 2 dinners 2.50; 6 rolls film 1.50 8 85
	Hotel Fresno 2 rooms 7.00, l.d. telephones 1.85 9 2 45
	2 bkfst. 1.60; 1 qt oil 35; car storage 50 1 25
	Visalia: 2 lunches 75; 2 rolls film 50 2 50
	Fresno: 2 dinners 10 6 00
17	Hotel Sequoia, 2 rooms 10 6 00
	2 bkfst. 1.55; car storage 50; 1 qt. oil 35; grease 15 2 55
	Glovis: 5 gals. gas 1.20; Merced: 2 lunches 1.45 2 65
17-18	Oakland Hotel: 2 dinners 2.50; 2 bkfst. 1.60 4 10
	Hotel Oakland: 1 room 11 3 50
	" " " " 12 3 50
	Car storage, Alemite, chg. oil 13 4 10
	10 gals. gas 2 40
18	Richmond-San Rafael ferry: car & 2 people 1 09

DUNLAP Mill Valley:		
Joe Whaley, 2 days, 2.50; wife 2 days & photos 4.00;		11 00
son, 2 days, 4.00; girl.50		4 00
Dick Samson, 2 days		6 50
Charlie Joe 3.50; wife (photo) 3.00		3 00
SQUAW VALLEY: Mollie Charlie 2.50; grandson .50		1 25
Old Pete Malilo .25; Old Doctor Bob 1.00		3 50
VISALIA: Old Mrs. Ichow & son		2 00
CLOVIS: Old Pahmit		

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Eighty-Four - - -



October 13, 1930

Doctor Witmer Stone  
Academy Natural Sciences  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Stone:

Your letter of the 6th instant just arrived. Mrs. Merriam and I are very glad to learn that your summer at Cape May did you so much good. Like you, I can't climb hills to any extent but can do quite a bit of walking on level ground.

In regard to Mehrling: Yes, I knew him rather well and corresponded with him for a number of years; but his letters are in Washington and I fail to remember whether he did or did not attend meetings of the A.O.U. I think however that he was present at one meeting.

Theodore Palmer is usually a storehouse of information on things of this sort. I would suggest that you ask him.

Have had a very busy season with Indians in various parts of the State, and returned only last night from a trip in the southern Sierra foothills.

Unfortunately our return tickets expire the last day of this month, so we must turn our backs on Lagunitas at this most beautiful time of the year.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Stone and yourself.

As ever yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*



Mr. A.B. Overholser  
Squaw Valley, California

October 13, 1930

My dear Mr. Overholser:

I am so old that in working with Indians I almost always forget to ask for some information that I later find important. The afternoon with Old Bob in Squaw Valley proves no exception, and I am going to ask if you will kindly ascertain from him the location of two or three points on the northern and western boundary of his tribe--namely, the boundary between the Cho-ki'-min-na and the Cho-e-nim'-ne.

I was told by both the Antimbitch of Dunlap and the Chokimina of Squaw Valley that the boundary between these two tribes crosses Bald (or Dalton) Mountain in a north-south direction. But I failed to ascertain the northern and western boundaries of the Squaw Valley tribe.

Did they stop at Bald Mountain, or reach north to White Deer Creek and Mill Creek? And how far northwesterly did they go along the road from Squaw Valley toward Kings River; and how far westerly on the road from your place toward Centerville? All of this is important information, and I shall be greatly obliged if you are able to get it.

I shall never forget your most interesting collection of Indian baskets and am greatly obliged for your courtesy to me while there.

A.B.O.

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Another question: How far east of your store is the Squaw Valley schoolhouse?

Yesterday we drove home in the rain. Today is clear and the country here at Lagunitas is very beautiful, as it always is after the fall rains.

With kind regards to Mrs. Overholser,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Do you remember the name of the school built, who drove off while we were there? I wonder how he knew where I was!

Just below is your store in relation to the schoolhouse? Ranch made nearly an elevation of 1093 ft!

And does the road heading south from your place go through Hills Valley and on to Orange Grove?

Sorry to bother you so much. -



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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Do you remember the name of the School Supt. who drove up while we were there? I wonder how he knew where I was!

Just below is your store in relation to the geological survey bench mark recording an elevation of 1093 ft!

And down the road heading south from your place go through Hills Valley and on to Orange Grove

Sorry to bother you so much -

Retake of Preceding Frame



October 13, 1930

Publisher  
Forest & Outdoors  
Gazette Building  
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sirs:

Kindly change my mailing address  
until further notice for Forest and Outdoors,  
beginning with the next issue, from Lagunitas,  
Marin County, California, to 1919 Sixteenth  
Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,  
*C. H. H. H.*



October 13, 1930

Rod and Gun in Canada  
P.O. Box 125, Station "A"  
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sirs:

On June 13 I wrote you asking to send the summer issues of Rod and Gun in Canada to my summer address at Lagunitas, California, returning to my home address-- 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.-- the first of October.

The October number having reached me here just before my return to Washington leads me to suspect that the November issue also will be sent here instead of to Washington as requested.

Please make the correction and send future numbers to Washington until further notice.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

Same to  
Science  
Outdoor Life

October 13, 1930

Colonel George W. Stewart  
Sacramento, California

Dear Colonel Stewart:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th instant and accompanying article on Yokut Indians, which I am particularly glad to have. And I want to thank you especially for your kind offer to allow me the use of some of your unpublished material on these Indians.

I am much rushed just now in recording the results of a trip from which I returned last evening, but will write you later.

With best wishes to you all,

As ever yours,

*C. Hart*



October 13, 1930

Mr. E.W.Gifford  
American Anthropologist  
Parnassus & 2nd Avenues  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Gifford:

The publishers of the Anthropologist,  
in returning the blocks of my article on the  
Tlohomtaho, included by mistake a cut that  
does not belong to me.

I am sending it to you today as it  
is from another article which appeared in the  
same number of the Anthropologist.

very truly yours,

October 13, 1930

Mr. C.P.Russell  
Field Naturalist  
Yellowstone Park, Wyoming

My dear Mr. Russell:

Your letter of September 7 jogging  
my memory in regard to an ancient photograph  
of some of the Hayden Survey people gives me  
a jolt. I had forgotten all about it.

I took the picture to the Museum to  
see if Mr. Gill, who has a lot of old expedi-  
tion photographs, could identify some of the  
men whom I could not place. But he was absent  
and I have not been there since.

I am returning to Washington in the near  
future and will look the matter up.

very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



October 15, 1930

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

A letter from Mr. A. B. Howell states:

"Recently I saw a wonderful series of photographs taken by Laurence Huey on a trip through practically the whole of Lower California. It occurred to me then that this would make a splendid scaffolding on which to build an article for the National Geographic, especially as Huey writes in a very interesting style."

I have had a very busy and successful season with various tribes of California Indians and am returning to Washington in the near future.

With best wishes,

very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

October 15, 1930

Dr. A. B. Howell  
Johns Hopkins Medical School  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Doctor Howell:

Thanks for your letter about Huey's expedition and photographs in Lower California. At your suggestion I have written Doctor Grosvenor in regard to them.

Have been in the field as usual most of the season and am now beginning to pack for the return to Washington.

With best wishes to you and  
Mrs. Howell,

very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



October 15, 1930

Mr. E. W. Gifford  
American Anthropologist  
Parnassus & 2nd Avenues  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Gifford:

Will you kindly ask the publishers of the Anthropologist to ship my Mtimbitch separates to my Washington address--1919 Sixteenth Street--as we are leaving Lagunitas for the season in a few days (our return tickets expiring at the end of the present month).

I have been expecting to call on you at the Museum all summer, and if time permits will do so before we take the train. Thus far this season I have been in San Francisco only a few times on business and have not spent a single day or night there.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

October 14, 1930

Dr. E.W. Nelson  
Cosmos Club  
Washington, D.C.

Dear E.W.:

Your last from Marquette, dated October 1, awaited our recent return from the foothills and vineyards back of Fresno.

We were pained to learn of the scandalous conduct of your chest pump, but are mighty glad to know that it has gone back to normal.

Since returning I have had a dreadful shock, finding that our tickets home expire October 31--thus putting a kibosh on our intended visit to you at your ranch, something we have been counting on for a number of years. However, if we both hold out another year it may prove to be only a joy postponed. So, much to my regret, I am already packing and expect to reach Washington October 30 or 31.

The country here is most beautiful, this being in many respects the best month of the year. The nights are cold (thermometer this morning 40) and the days clear sunshine and very still between the infrequent rains. It is a disappointment to both of us that our expected visit from you here must likewise be put off for another year.

With best wishes from us both,  
As ever yours,



October 16, 1930

Professor F.F.Latta  
Tulare Union High School  
Tulare, California

My dear Professor Latta:

Acting on your suggestion, I visited the Ichow camp several weeks ago and photographed the old lady and her grandson. I promised to send them a picture, which is herewith enclosed, as they requested me to send it in your care. The other woman was not there.

We are now returning to Washington, much to my regret, as so much field work remains to be done. I hope, however, to return early next season.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



October 22, 1930

Mr. John M. Holzworth  
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Holzworth:

You were very kind to wire me as to the time of one of your talks on Admiralty Island Big Bears. The message came less than an hour before your talk, and caught us between two field trips. We enjoyed your lecture and should have written you but for the fact that I have been very busy in the field.

I want to congratulate you on your bear book--both text and illustrations. You realize of course that you are the only man in the world who could write such a book, besides being the only one in possession of such a splendid series of actual photographs.

After having read your manuscript I have read the book with renewed interest and pleasure. The array of facts from actual field observation that you have brought together must stand eternally as a unique contribution to the life history of these animals and also as a monument to your perseverance.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*S. Hart Merriam.*

Original Defective



November 3, 1930

Doctor George Bird Grinnell  
238 East 15th Street  
New York City

Dear Grinnell:

Glad to see your signature again.

Replying to your query: The Antelope Squirrels constitute a very distinct group of Groundsquirrels designated by me under the generic name Ammospermophilus in 1892. They are small desert animals, with pale brownish or ground-color backs and a distinct white stripe on each side. The type species from San Geronimo Pass and the Colorado Desert has the under side of the tail snow white. This, when the animal is excited, is thrown up over the back, displaying the white as a banner.

Several subspecies inhabit the torrid deserts of southeastern California, Lower California, and Arizona. They are now generally known as Antelope Squirrels.

We have just arrived from California and expect to be here until spring.

I succeeded in accomplishing a fair amount of field work and obtained an unusually large number of photographs of Indians. With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Grinnell,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 3, 1930

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of October, amounting to \$339.01. It includes field work in the San Joaquin Valley and foothills and the return trip to Washington--for which round trip tickets had been purchased.

Just before leaving California I acquired a then prevalent grippe-cold, from which I am now recovering.

Hope to see you in a few days.

With best wishes and thanks for your numerous courtesies.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



A. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C.

## Expense Account for October 1930

Oct. 3 Schwabacher-Frey Co.: Photo enlargements	1	27 61
San Rafael: 11 gals gas 2.64; 7 2¢ stamps 14; Tel. 15		2 93
TRIP TO INDIAN TRIBES OF SOUTHERN JOAQUIN VALLEY & Foothills, C.H.M. & D. GROVER, Asst. OCT. 6-12, 1930		
6 Sausalito ferry: Car & 2 .90; Oakland ferry .70		1 60
Tracy: Lunch for 2 .95; Merced: Dinner for 2 2.50		3 45
7 Merced: Hotel Tioga breakfast for 2		1 60
" " 2 rooms	2	6 00
" Chg. oil, Alenite, Storage, & 10 gals gas	3	5 95
Madera: 1 qt. oil 35; 6 rolls film 1.50		1 85
Coarse Gold: Lunch for 2		1 50
Pd. Indian Bill See 1.50; Chicago Dick 1.50		3 00
8 Coarse Gold Inn: Dinner, lodg., bkfst for 2	4	7 85
South Fork: Lunch for 2		1 50
Pd. Indian Nannish Brown		1 00
Clovis: Pd. Indian woman		1 25
Fresno: Hotel Fresno: Dinner for 2		2 50
9 " " 2 rooms	5	6 00
" " Bkfst for 2		1 60
" garage 50; grease cups 25; 10 gals gas 2.40		3 15
Dunlap: Lunch for 2		1 40
Pd. Indian Charlie Joe 1.00; Indian Whaley 1.00		2 00
10 Dunlap: Dinner, Lodg., Bkfst. for 2	6	5 00
Squaw Valley: Lunch for 2		1 00
Pd. Indian Dr. Bob 2.50; wife 50; other ind. 50		3 50
Fresno: Dinner for 2		2 10
11 " Bkfst for 2 1.35; garage 50; grease cup 25		2 10
" Hotel Fresno: 2 rooms	7	6 00
Clovis: Lunch for 2 1.15; Pd. Indians 3.50		4 65
Merced: Dinner for 2, Hotel Tioga		2 50
12 " Bkfst for 2 1.60; garage 50		2 10
" 2 rooms Hotel Tioga	8	6 50
Atwater: 9 gals gas 2.25; 1 qt oil 35		2 60
Oakland: Dinner for 2		2 00
Oakland ferry: Car & 2 .70; Sausalito ferry .90		1 60
14 Sausalito-San Francisco ret. 25; Car Storage 35		60
San Francisco: Lunch 75; Car fares 10		85
San Rafael: 9 gals gas		2 16
20 San Anselmo-S.F. ret. 85; Lunch 85; St cars 20		1 90
21 Lag-S.F. ret 1.20; Lunch 90; St cars 30		2 40
23 Schwabacher-Frey Co: developing	9	64
" " dev., printing & enlargements	10	12 06
" " enlargements	11	18 15
Hauling chest & 5 pkgs. Lagunitas-San Rafael		2 00
" 2 trunks to station (self & asst)		1 50
2 round trips Lag.-S.F. 2.40; Trunk storage S.F. 60		3 00
Lunch & dinner S.F. 2.25; Taxi to Hotel Stewart 45		2 70
23-25 Hotel Stewart room 3 days	12	11 00

24 & 25 Meals S.F. 2 days @ \$3, 6.00; Taxi 50; St cars 50	7 00
25 Pullman compartment S.F.-Wash (Mrs. Merriam & self)	44 25
\$88.50 1/2 of 88.50	31 50
Pullman S.F.-Wash. (asst)	12 00
26, 27, 28 Meals (Dining car, self): 3 days @ \$4.00	4 50
29 Porter (sleeper) S.F.-Chicago \$1; Meals on diner (self)	1 50
30 Bkfst for self 1.25; Porter (Chicago-Wash) 25	16 00
27-31 Meals on diner for asst S.F.-Wash: 4 days @ \$4	
27 Fidelity Storage Co, Washn; Express from Calif, insurance & hauling chest & 5 pkgs.	13 36.41
30 Transfer 2 trunks Washn (self & asst)	1 50

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C. Hart Merriam XXXXXX



November 3, 1939

Professor F.F. Latta  
Tulare Union High School  
Tulare, California

My dear Professor Latta:

Many thanks for your letter of October 21 with accompanying photograph of Jane Whaley. It certainly is a beautiful picture, for which I congratulate and thank you.

I should be very glad to see the matter relating to Indians of Grand Island in Sacramento River, of which you speak, this being a part of the State from which it is difficult to obtain information of anthropological value.

Thanks for the "Terrible Punishment" enclosed in your letter. It is on a par with several accounts I have of early brutalities, but I wish you had given me the title and date of publication.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



November 7, 1930.

Doctor F.W. Hodge  
Museum American Indian  
Broadway & 135th St., N.Y.C.

Dear Doctor Hodge:

Pardon my long delay in replying to your letter enclosing your biographical sketch of Henshaw for the American Anthropologist.

I was in the field in California at the time of its arrival and have since returned to Washington.

You certainly have written a very readable account of Henshaw's varied activities.

You mention that in the summer of 1872 Nelson was collecting in the neighborhood of Salt Lake. I think this is correct, but at present have not the means of looking it up. <sup>By a</sup> ~~But~~ curious coincidence, I spent some time in collecting birds in the neighborhood of Salt Lake at about the same time. Isn't it a little remarkable that the first, second, and third Chiefs of the U.S. Biological Survey, then unknown to one another, should have been collecting ornithological specimens near Great Salt Lake in Utah at the same time?

Thanking you for letting me see your manuscript and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 7, 1930.

Doctor Frank W. Chapman  
American Museum Natural History  
New York City

Dear Doctor Chapman:

While engaged in field work in California recently, I received the enclosed letter from Sergeant C.B. Tidd of the Canadian Mounted Police, written at his station on Ross River, Yukon Territory.

It is so interesting that I thought you would like to see it, and possibly to print excerpts from it in Bird Lore.

Trusting that you and Mrs. Chapman are well and happy.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 11, 1930

Fred Lockley  
1243 East Stark Street  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Your last catalogue (list 82)  
contains titles of two books which I should  
be glad to purchase if not already sold:  
namely, THE MASCOT BEARS by C.C.Ingham, 1909,  
one dollar, and A COLLECTION OF MAPS PUBLISHED  
IN 1861, five dollars.

Very truly yours,

C. Had Amman ~



November 13, 1930

Doctor E.W. Gifford  
American Anthropologist  
Parnassus & 2nd Avenues  
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Gifford:

Referring to your letter of October 21: I expected to see you before returning to Washington, but unhappily became a victim to the influenza epidemic prevailing at the time, and was unable to make any calls in San Francisco.

You are mistaken in thinking that I wrote Doctor Lowie suggesting the publication of my California material as a Memoir of the American Anthropological Assoc. My manuscript material on California Indians, apart from more than 150 vocabularies (running from a few hundred to nearly three thousand words each) would probably make a book double the size of Kroeber's Handbook; and I long ago abandoned the intention of publishing it in a single volume.

For some years past I have been preparing for publication a number of papers on individual tribes and groups of tribes, and am hoping to publish by stocks illustrated by maps and photographs.

Congratulations on your lectureship in the University of Washington.  
With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 13, 1930

Mr. P. Martinelli  
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

When you have burned the brush on my place please send me your bill, and include in it the looking after my house last winter from September to June--nearly nine months.

This part of the world has had a very dry season and only a couple of very light rains since our return. Water is badly needed. I hope you have had better luck at Lagunitas.

With regards to all members of your family.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 15, 1930

The Victor Company  
Camden, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

I possess eleven cylindrical records  
of an extinct Indian language, which I am  
anxious to have transferred from the cylindrical  
to the best modern disk plates.

Are you in a position to do this for  
me, and if so, what would be the approximate  
cost?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

November 15, 1930

Rev A.G. Morice, O.M.I.  
Winnipeg, Canada

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the  
12th instant, just received.

In compliance with your request,  
I am pleased to enclose herewith my check  
for \$5.50--\$3.00 of this to be added to  
my subscription for your big book on 'The  
Carrier Language' and \$2.50 for a copy of  
your 'Fifty Years in Western Canada'.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Nov. 15, 1930

Harriman Fund

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my check  
on the National Metropolitan Bank of this  
city for Five hundred dollars (\$500.) in  
repayment of the same amount advanced to  
me for field work in California last June.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Harriman*



November 17, 1930

Museum of Northern Arizona  
Women's Club Building  
Flagstaff, Arizona

Dear Sirs:

Your publication, Museum Notes, contains so much matter of interest to me in the fields both of Natural History and Ethnology, that I want to secure two complete sets from Volume 1, Number 1, on --one to preserve in serial form as published, the other to cut and distribute by special subjects.

My check for \$4.00 is inclosed herewith. Kindly notify me when this is exhausted.

With best wishes for the continuance and success of Museum Notes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



Mr. Vernon Bailey  
Portland, Oregon

November 17, 1930

Dear Vernon:

You were very good to write me several times before our return and shortly thereafter, and we were most interested to know what you were doing and where you were at. I felt sorry that you had to make this long trip at this season of the year, but you seem to have had better luck than might be expected in avoiding severe storms. However, it doesn't pay to trust to luck too long at a time, for which reason I hope you will be able to wind up your work and return home in the near future.

Florence has just phoned me that your present address is Portland, so I am risking this to that humid part of the Northwest. When you get to Yakima it will be drier and colder and you will perhaps call to mind the pack trip we made from that point across the high Cascades to the Nisqually Glacier on Mount Ranier.

Your notification (by way of Remington Kellogg) that some fellow has a fossil, or at least a very old, Grizzly skull from a gravel pit near Medicine Lodge, Kansas, is very interesting. In a few days I hope to arrange to see it. If reasonably perfect and the teeth are not too badly broken or worn, it is likely to prove most important. It is to be hoped it will have characters enough to show whether it is the species from the

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V.B.

Little Missouri country or one of the eastern Colorado Grizzlies.

Also I'll be glad to learn more about the book you say Neil Judd has on an ancient journal from Southern California through Arizona.

Why don't you plan to take a good man with you <sup>next spring</sup> and go after those Bighorn Grizzlies near the Montana-Wyoming border? As you say, we need the skulls badly in the Museum.

Florence looks as well as usual and kept us until our house was cleaned up and safe for occupancy.

Zenaida and the Addition are looking well, and the rest of us think we can pull through the winter.

Hope you'll head this way before long.

As ever yours,  
~~Frank~~



November 18, 1930

Mr. F. G. Collett  
Indian Board of Cooperation  
3 City Hall Avenue  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of November 6,  
would state that Doctor Merriam's map showing  
the distribution of the various tribes of California  
has not yet been published.

Very truly yours,

*D. A. Brown*

Secretary to Dr. Merriam.



November 18, 1930

Mr. Charley Green  
Glenburn, California

My dear Mr. Green:

Your letter of the 4th instant is at hand,  
and I am glad to hear from you after so long.

I had already heard that Jack Dick had died,  
for which I am very sorry.

You ask for the map we were working with when  
you were here. Your country is in the southwestern part  
of the Modoc National Forest sheet and the southeastern  
part of the Shasta National Forest sheet. So I am  
sending you both of these by this mail, and hope that  
they will reach you promptly and in good condition.

Was sorry not to get up into your country  
either last year or this year, but I have not been very  
well these two years and have had a great deal of work  
to do in other parts of the State.

Mrs. Merriam and I did not reach Washington  
until about two weeks ago. She joins me in kind regards  
to you. With good wishes to all your people,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 19, 1930

Thomas A. Edison Industries  
Orange, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

Edison special Amberol  
I possess eleven cylindrical records  
of an extinct Indian language, which I am  
anxious to have transferred from the cylindrical  
to the best modern disk plates.

Are you in a position to do this for  
me, and if so, what would be the approximate  
cost?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*

Same letter to:

Bell Laboratories, Am Tel. Co. West St. N.Y.C.

Victor Company, Camden, N.J.

General Electric Co. Schenectady

New York Recording Laboratories, Camden.

Western Electric Co., Chicago, Ill.



November 20, 1930

Doctor C. G. Abbot, Secretary  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Thanks for the Smithsonian Annual Report for 1929 received this morning. In looking through it I find several articles in which I am much interested, and if these are issued as separates shall be very much obliged if you will kindly send me a copy of each, namely:

Extinction and Extermination, by I.P.Tolmachoff

Climate and Migrations, by J.C.Curry

Ur of the Chaldees: More Royal Tombs, by C.Leonard Woolley

The Population of Ancient America, by H.J.Spinden

The Aborigines of the Ancient Island of Hispaniola, by

Herbert W.Krieger

Obituary of Thomas Chrowder Chamberlin, by Bailey Willis

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



November 21, 1930

Potomac Electric Power Company  
14th and C Streets  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Your bill of \$4.37 for electric current from May 19 to June 18 was tucked under the front door of our house after we had closed the house for the summer and had gone to California.

In September my son-in-law, M.W. Talbot, visited the house to see if everything was all right and found your bill under the door.

He took it to your office and paid it, along with an additional charge of \$.44, amounting to \$4.81--which addition I shall be obliged if you will credit me with on the next bill as this collection was of course illegal. If you had mailed the bill it would have been forwarded to my California address, and would have been paid promptly, as usual.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Harrison*

November 21, 1930

Washington Gas Light Company  
413 Tenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Your bill of \$5.90 for gas from May 20 to June 18 was tucked under the front door of our house after we had closed the house for the summer and had gone to California.

In September my son-in-law, M.W. Talbot, visited the house to see if everything was all right and found your bill under the door.

He took it to your office and paid it, along with an additional charge of \$.59, amounting to \$6.49--which addition I shall be obliged if you will credit me with on the next bill as this collection was of course illegal. If you had mailed the bill it would have been forwarded to my California address, and would have been paid promptly, as usual.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Harrison*



December 1, 1930

Publisher, Rod and Gun  
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am enclosing  
check on the National Metropolitan  
Bank of this city for \$4.00, in payment  
for two copies of Rod and Gun in Canada  
for the year 1931.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -

December 1, 1930

Mr. P. Martinelli  
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Thanks for your letter of November 21. I am  
glad to know that you have finished the work on my place,  
for which I am enclosing herewith \$15, along with the  
amount due you for looking after the house last winter,  
\$9.00--making \$24 in all, for which my check is herewith  
enclosed.

We are much disturbed to know that some one broke  
into our house, and I am obliged to you for nailing boards  
over the broken window. It is painful to know that anyone  
in Lagunitas would do such a thing.

We are sorry also to know that Mr. Gollan's garage  
was burned down.

We have had a rather mild winter so far, and are in  
need of more rain though we had a heavy shower last night.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -



December 1, 1930

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account  
for the month of November, amounting to  
\$114.02.

Kindly pay it from the  
Harriman Fund as usual, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

## Expense Account for November 1930

		Subtotal	
Nov. 3	Geological Survey Canada: 2 papers	1	1 00
4	R.P. Andrews Paper Co.: 150 manila envelopes	2	1 45
5	R.V. Coleman: (Book) John Marsh Pioneer		3 50
	Fairchild's Exploring for Plants		5 00
	Am. Anthrop. Assoc: Article & separates, Emtimbitch tribe	3	31 27
8	A.N. Marquis Co: Who's Who in America, 1930-31		8 56
	Subscription: Game Breeder, 1931		2 00
10	A.S. Morice: Books on Athabaskan Indians (with duty)	4	5 80
11	Allen's Press Clippings: Oct., Nov., & Dec. 1930		9 00
	Sierra Club 1931		5 00
17	Museum Northern Arizona (Flagstaff): Museum Notes		4 00
	(series to date)		3 00
	Am. Nature Assoc.: Nature Magazine 1931		2 50
	Ind. Affairs Rept. & Maps for 1866		45
19	Thread for binding. 15: 2 doz. manila envelopes .30		6 00
24	Arthur H. Clark Co.: Gifford's Calif. Ind. Nights		4 75
29	Ivens Melanesians (reduced from \$12)		4 00
	Rod & Gun in Canada for 1931, 2 copies @ \$2.00		1 72
	2 pkgs. stamped envlps. 1.12: Car & bus fares .60		6 50
2-5	Washing office windows 1.50: Housecleaning office rooms		3 50
29	Cleaning office rooms, month of November		2 64
	Telephone: Nov. 6- Dec. 5, 1/3 of \$7.92	5	1 44
	Electric current: May 19-June 18, 1/3 of \$4.37	6	1 00
	" " June 18-Nov. 17 1/3 of \$2.99		

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*C. Hart Merriam*  
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December 3, 1930

Subscription Department  
The Literary Digest  
351 Fourth Avenue, N.Y.C.

Dear Sirs:

Your notification in regard to my subscription to the Digest for my daughter, Mrs. Z.M. Talbot, is something of a mystery for the reason that Mrs. Talbot left Santa Fe, New Mexico, over a year ago--and I notified you of the change of address. Since then the Digest has been coming to her Washington address --3220 Connecticut Avenue.

Assuming that her subscription expired with the December number, as stated in your communication, I am enclosing herewith my check for \$4.00 in renewal.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Original Defective



December 3, 1930

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Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Muniam*

Retake of Preceding Frame



December 5, 1930,

Rev. A. G. Morice, C.M.I.  
Winnipeg, Canada

My dear Sir:

Your recent letter shows that I have been somewhat balled-up in the matter of your forthcoming great work on the Athapaskans.

In order to straighten the matter out, in accordance with your suggestion I am enclosing herewith my check for the additional \$12.00, and trust this will in due course bring me the completed volume.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

December 5, 1930.

My dear Miss Whiting:

Replying to your letter of November 23:

Your request for a list of twelve living American Biologists especially outstanding as pioneers, investigators, or educators is distinctly embarrassing.

The principal difficulty is that you give no clue as to just what you mean by Biologists. The term strikes me as distinctly unfortunate as it fails to discriminate in any way between Ornithologists, Mammalogists, Bacteriologists, Botanists, or special students in any of the diverse lines of research embraced under this all-inclusive heading.

In attempting to comply with your request, therefore, one is necessarily influenced by his personal knowledge of workers in one or more of the fields in which he is personally interested. However, worthless as it may be, I am enclosing a list of names of good men distinguished in one or more branches of research in the broad field of Natural History.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Miss Anna R. Whiting  
Pennsylvania College for Women  
Woodland Road, Pittsburgh, Pa.



December 5, 1930

Dr. Fred L. Adair, Chairman  
Comm. Prenatal & Maternal Care  
White House Conference, Child Health  
University of Chicago

My dear Doctor Adair:

In reply to your inquiry of the 3rd instant, I regret to be obliged to plead ignorance.

Although it has fallen to my lot to attend several hundred white women at childbirth I have never been present at the birth of an Indian. My information on the subject, therefore, so far as I remember is restricted to the simple fact that Indian women in labor are usually attended by an older Indian woman--in most cases one who has some reputation in this particular field.

After the child is born the mother resumes her usual duties in a surprisingly short time--often within a week and sometimes earlier.

Regretting that I can give you no precise data on the subject,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

December 5, 1930

Mrs. George H. Taylor  
1116 Mendana Boulevard  
Oakland, California

My dear Mrs. Taylor:

You must be thinking me very unappreciative to have put off writing you for so long. The trouble is that I have not yet succeeded in obtaining the desired transfer of Professor Taylor's precious records of the old Indian songs.

I have tried the Smithsonian Institution and the Government Bureau of Standards in this city, and have written to several concerns presumed to be in a position to do this sort of work--among them The Victor Company and The Edison Industries--and am now writing a couple of others. I will let you know as soon as anything definite is accomplished.

Mrs. Merriam and I certainly appreciate your kindness in bringing these precious records to us in San Francisco. I carried them in my grip to Washington, so that they arrived safely at this end of the line, since which they have reposed in one of my fireproof safes.

With kindest regards to you and Mary from Mrs. Merriam and myself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



December 8, 1930

Doctor C. G. Abbot, Secretary,  
Smithsonian Institution,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Thank you for the copies of the  
Forty-Fifth and Forty-Sixth Annual Reports,  
of the Bureau of American Ethnology, recently  
received.

If the articles contained in these  
Reports are published as separates, I should  
very much appreciate receiving a copy of each.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -

The Salishan Tribes of the Western Plateaus, J. A. Teit  
Tattooing & Face & Body Painting, Thompson Indians, Teit  
Ethnobotany of the Thompson Indians, H. V. Steedman  
The Osage Tribe, Rite of the Wa-xo-be, F. LaFlesche

Anthropological Survey in Alaska, A. Hrdlicka  
Indian Tribes of the Upper Missouri, E. T. Denig

December 8, 1930

Williams and Wilkins, Publishers  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sirs:

Please send me three copies of  
Vernon Bailey's book on the Animals of  
Carlsbad Cave, published by you.

My check for \$3.00 (your recent  
reduced price) is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -



December 8, 1930

Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, 300 East Monroe St.  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I wish to purchase two copies of  
the book recently published by you on  
Yellowstone Mammals by Vernon Bailey, payment  
for which (\$8.00) is enclosed herewith.

Please send one of these to  
Doctor Sterling Bunnell, Physicians Building,  
Sutter Street, San Francisco; the other copy  
to my address, 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington,  
D.C.

I am enclosing my card herewith, which  
please place in the copy sent to Doctor Bunnell.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

December 8, 1930

Gustave E. Stechert  
31 East Tenth St.  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Please send me, with bill for  
same, a copy of Doctor R. Broom's recent  
work entitled "The Origin of the Human  
Skeleton" (published by H.E. & G. Witherby, London).

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



December 8, 1930

The Holmes Book Company  
274 Fourteenth Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sirs:

If not already sold, please send  
me with bill the map described in your recent  
catalogue as follows:

211 Cal. Early Map of California & Nevada.  
Drawn and prepared by J.H. Von Schmidt,  
A.W. Keddie and C.D. Gibbs. Published by  
Warren Holt, San Francisco, 1869. \$4.00

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



December 8, 1930

Lang Realty Company  
39 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

I have this day received a brief memorandum bill of \$10, apparently for renewal of insurance without any information as to what it is for. If you will kindly enlighten me on this subject, I shall be obliged.

If this is for Indemnity Insurance on persons employed on my place, it will not be necessary to renew until next May or June when the premises will be reoccupied.

Very truly yours,

C. H. St. Martin



December 10, 1930

DeWitt's      Fred M. DeWitt  
620 Fourteenth Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sirs:

Please send me with bill for  
same, a copy of A Forty-Niner Speaks  
by Hiram Dwight Pierce, as advertised  
in your recent leaflet.

Very truly yours,

*Edna M. DeWitt*



December 10, 1930

Schwabacher-Frey Company  
735 Market Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for \$5.86 in  
accordance with your statement dated November 1930.

Just before leaving California near the  
end of October, I particularly asked Mr. Marsh  
of your Photographic Department for a final bill  
to date, and supposed I had paid the whole thing.  
But in some way this seems to have been over-  
looked.

Very truly yours,

C. Hest *Amorian*



December 10, 1930

Mr. Teunis F. Collier  
1109 Twentieth Street  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I hereby accept your bid dated November 25 for labor and material in rebuilding our kitchen and diningroom annex as per same: namely, \$283.50 for the kitchen proper, \$65 for the diningroom annex, and \$136 for the Armstrong linoleum (A grade) cemented over felt in the kitchen, kitchen pantry, passage way from diningroom to kitchen, and diningroom annex.

The matter of iron bars and guards for the windows and doors will have to be in abeyance at present, for the reason that the bars and grids sent do not conform to the requirements.

Most of the above work has been done already, but the drawers in the diningroom annex and small kitchen table have not been attended to.

Additional to the contract work above indicated, I shall be glad if you will put window cords wherever needed and reliable window locks where the present ones are unsatisfactory--also a whirligig on top of the kitchen flue in order that the wind will not blow down this flue as heretofore.

I understand that the basement plastering is on the basis of time and material.

The feet of the new range project about an inch beyond the brick hearth. If you agree with me that a broader trim is necessary, I wish you would have it attended to as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 15, 1930

Doctor Sterling Bunnell  
1980 Washington Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Bunnell::

We were disappointed in not being able to see you and Mrs. Bunnell in San Francisco. But the only night I was there this entire year was when I came down to take the train East--and then I was suffering from a newly acquired dose of the prevalent grippe-epidemic. Otherwise we should have called on Mrs. Bunnell.

Your splendid article on Bird Flight contrasted with the antics of well-trained airplanes has given me much pleasure and also much information. Most writers on bird flight, while perhaps proficient in mathematical physics, have proved themselves woefully deficient in knowledge of air currents and also in accurate observations of the wing maneuverings of birds. You, on the other hand, have proved yourself a student of air currents and a master of the mechanics of flight--and your clear descriptions are a pleasure to read.

Zenaida and her six-months babe are doing fine. Elizabeth's back naturally gives her many bad hours--but this seems inevitable. She joins me in best affections to you both.

As ever yours,

C. Hartman



December 15, 1930

Doctor Wilfred H. Osgood  
Field Museum of Natural History  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Osgood:

An hour or so ago I was surprised to receive a valuable Christmas present--one which will always remain among my prized possessions. I refer of course to the superb Album of Fuertes' Abyssinian paintings.

Mr. Cutting has put American ornithologists under a debt of gratitude for his generosity in reproducing these magnificent pictures.

Although more than usually busy today, I stopped work long enough to read your introduction and am delighted with it. You have described Fuertes as none but his most intimate friends could, and have given his memory a richly deserved tribute.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 15, 1930

Mr. Stephen C. Simms, Director  
Field Museum of Natural History  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Sir:

In acknowledging the Album of Abyssinian Birds and Mammals painted by Louis Agassiz Fuertes, received today, I wish to express my appreciation of the work itself and also of the generosity of Mr. Cutting and the Field Museum in favoring me with a copy.

The reproductions strike me as more than usually faithful to the originals. They are an important contribution to ornithological science, and at the same time a worthy tribute to Fuertes' skill and ornithological acumen.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 16, 1930

Mr. John D. Scott, Editor  
The Mazama  
Pacific Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The December number of the Mazama,  
full of interesting material, has just  
arrived and I am very glad to see it.

Inasmuch as it contains an article  
on mammals (by Edith Hardin English) which  
I would like to preserve separately, I shall  
be obliged if you will kindly send me a duplicate  
copy--for which I am enclosing my check for \$1.50.

Very truly yours,

C. Holt *Amurrian*



December 16, 1930

Charles C. Thomas, Publisher  
300 East Monroe Street  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The two copies of Bailey's Animals of Yellowstone arrived duly, for which I am obliged.

I find however that I still need another copy, for which I am enclosing \$4.00 herewith. Kindly send this with my card (enclosed) to Robert Sanborn, Fairfax, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 19, 1930

Charles C. Thomas, Publisher  
300 East Monroe Street  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I find that I need still another  
copy of Bailey's Animals of Yellowstone,  
for which my check for \$4.00 is enclosed  
herewith.

Kindly send this copy to Mr. and  
Mrs. Robert Norton, R.D. 9, Box 116,  
Brookside Farms, Pittsburgh 16, Pennsylvania,  
with my card (enclosed).

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



December 20, 1930

Mr. Teunis F. Collier  
1109 Twentieth Street  
Washington, C.C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 18th instant, relating to waterproofing but without any information as to the location and extent of the job, would say that this may remain in abeyance until all the other work has been completed and paid for.

The whirligig has been placed over the kitchen chimney, but it is factory size--about three times the size of the one on my fireplace chimney and those on other private houses.

When the man brought it I asked him what he meant by bringing a monstrous factory size thing for a private house. He said this was what was ordered and his job was to put it up, which he did.

Furthermore, the large galvanized iron base was not painted and consequently shines like a sore thumb, attracting attention wherever it can be seen. All others I have seen on private houses are painted dark red or brick color.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 20, 1930

Dr. L. O. Howard  
1705 21st Street  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Howard:

Your History of Applied Entomology with its amazing galaxy of photographs, a copy of which you have been good enough to send me, proves not only interesting reading but excites both wonder and admiration. How in the world you ever got together such a volume of facts, how your memory ever held so many entertaining incidents, and how your patient persistence held out long enough to assemble such an endless lot of photographs of former and present workers is a mystery.

It was a pleasant surprise also to recognize a considerable number of these eminent workers as personally known to me.

Let me congratulate you on your memory (which unlike mine does not seem to have dulled with age), your ability as a writer, and the success you have achieved not only in your official work but also in this readable and valuable volume.

I cannot help feeling what a great thing it would be if some one had the knowledge, ability, and time to prepare similar treatises on the labors and achievements of workers in the fields of Ornithology and Mammalogy.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 20, 1930

Dr. Joseph Grinnell  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

When your great work on the Vertebrate Fauna of the Lassen Peak Region arrived I was so overwhelmed by the enormous quantity of data contained that its acknowledgment was postponed until I might be able to write a more detailed appreciation.

But already several weeks have passed and the accumulation of pressing matters is too formidable to permit longer delay. So I wish now to express--to you, Joseph Dixon, and your other associates--my admiration for the detailed work you have done and my joy at having so much new California material made available to students.

Accept thanks also for the small separates enclosed in the sending.

With greetings of the season and best wishes to Mrs. Grinnell, yourself, and your associates in the Museum,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 20, 1930

Mr. Stephen C. Simms, Director  
Field Museum Natural History  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Sir:

Taking advantage of your generous offer to supply copies of the Fuertes Album of Abyssinian Birds and Mammals, I am glad to have the privilege of enclosing herewith my check for \$6.00 in payment for two additional copies.

Very truly yours,

*d. Hart Merriam*



December 26, 1930

Mr. Joseph Mailliard  
Academy of Sciences  
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Mailliard:

Very many thanks for remembering me with a copy of your useful little handbook on the Birds of Golden Gate Park. It is the kind of publication which the average visitor craves, and cannot fail to be of use to a large and increasing number of Park visitors. Moreover, the physical and climatic conditions of the Park are so similar to those of a very much larger surrounding area that the usefulness of the book will be by no means confined to Golden Gate Park.

If you are in the mood to tolerate a slight difference in point of view, I would remark that the mix-up of unrelated species and genera has never appealed to me; also would suggest that it would be helpful if in your next edition you add a sentence or two concerning the time of year the various species occur.

However, just as it is, the book will be prized by many people, and I want to express my appreciation of the good work you have done in preparing it.

With best wishes to both you and your brother,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 29, 1930

Prof. F.F. Latta  
Tulare Union High School  
Tulare, California

My dear Professor Latta:

Please pardon my long delay in replying to your letter of November 17, in which you were good enough to transmit a copy of the notes of H.C. Bailey in regard to the Indians living on Sacramento River in 1850-52, chiefly in the neighborhood of Grand Island.

The manuscript is of much interest, particularly the parts relating to the houses, food, and habits of Indians of the Patwin tribe, and I am of course very glad indeed to see it. It is good that you are going to publish the whole thing.

I thank you also for permission to publish extracts from it in an article relating to these particular Indians--the survivors of whom I have been working with almost annually for a long period of years.

You deserve much credit for your persistence in hunting up old settlers and securing from them statements of this kind.

I should have written you long ago but for my inability to get ahead of the accumulated and accumulating material toward the end of the year.

With best wishes for the continued success of your efforts in digging out early historical and ethnological material for California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



Sergeant C.B. Ridd  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Ross River, Yukon Territory

November 7, 1930  
[Handwritten: Dec. 29, 1930]

My dear Sir:

Your letter dated June 29, 1930 was forwarded from Washington to my California home at Leguinites, which for about twenty years has been my base for field work every summer.

To say that I was greatly interested in your letter is putting it very mildly.

While I have been in Alaska twice at an interval of about ten years and have been on White Pass, I have not been on the Yukon. At the same time I have read Charles Sheldon's book on his work on the Pelly, Ross, and Macmillan, and have edited the manuscript of his larger book entitled "THE WILDERNESS OF DENALI", which unfortunately he did not live to see completed. I therefore have a general idea of the region in which you are located.

While isolated from the outside world, you have an excellent opportunity to obtain worthwhile information not only about the birds and mammals of the region, but also about the Indians. It would be desirable to get their name for their own tribe and for the principal streams and mountains, and also their numerals (at least one to ten), and their names for the various species of mammals, birds, fishes, and trees of the country.

Yes, I have done quite a bit of photographic work.

C.B.T.

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but not much with birds--my chief interest nowadays being with the Indians. During the past few months I have exposed nearly or quite two hundred negatives on Indians, usually taking half a dozen of each individual to be sure of getting a good one of each in a satisfactory attitude.

You ask if there are colored plates of birds' eggs.

Yes, there are many--mostly in large and expensive works. I am glad you have Taverner's book on the Birds of Western Canada. Louis Puertes and Alan Brooks were our two greatest bird artists. Puertes was killed in an automobile accident, leaving Brooks at the head of the artifice. Both men took up the work by themselves without training, but later Puertes enjoyed the advantage of work under the well-known painter Abbot Thayer. Brooks, so far as I know, is wholly a self-made artist and his work is simply wonderful. Both he and Puertes illustrated some of my sister's bird books (Mrs. Florence Merriam Bailey, wife of the naturalist, Vernon Bailey).

If I come across duplicates of any papers relating to the birds of your part of the world I shall be glad to send them to you. Replying to your inquiry about books on western birds, I shall send you in the near future a copy of my sister's HANDBOOK OF BIRDS OF WESTERN UNITED STATES, which contains a large percentage of the species of your region. [Sent with this].

In case you ever happen to kill a grizzly bear, kindly remember that an opportunity to examine its skull would be much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. B. Ridd



Sergeant C.B. Ridd  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Ross River, Yukon Territory

November 7, 1930  
[~~Mail File No. 29, 1930~~]

My dear Sir:

Your letter dated June 29, 1930 was forwarded from Washington to my California home at Logansport, which for about twenty years has been my base for field work every summer.

To say that I was greatly interested in your letter is putting it very mildly.

While I have been in Alaska twice at an interval of about ten years and have been on White Pass, I have not been on the Yukon. At the same time I have read Charles Sheldon's book on his work on the Pelly, Ross, and Macmillan, and have edited the manuscript of his larger book entitled "THE WILDERNESS OF DENALI", which unfortunately he did not live to see completed. I therefore have a general idea of the region in which you are located.

While isolated from the outside world, you have an excellent opportunity to obtain worthwhile information not only about the birds and mammals of the region, but also about the Indians. It would be desirable to get their name for their own tribe and for the principal streams and mountains, and also their numerals (at least one to ten), and their names for the various species of mammals, birds, fishes, and trees of the country.

Yes, I have done quite a bit of photographic work.

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but not much with birds--my chief interest nowadays being with the Indians. During the past few months I have exposed nearly or quite two hundred negatives on Indians, usually taking half a dozen of each individual to be sure of getting a good one of each in a satisfactory attitude.

You ask if there are colored plates of birds' eggs. Yes, there are many--mostly in large and expensive works. I am glad you have Taverner's book on the Birds of Western Canada. Louis Fuertes and Alan Brooks were our two greatest bird artists. Fuertes was killed in an automobile accident, leaving Brooks at the head of the art line. Both men took up the work by themselves without training, but later Fuertes enjoyed the advantage of work under the well-known painter Abbot Thayer. Brooks, so far as I know, is wholly a self-made artist and his work is simply wonderful. Both he and Fuertes illustrated some of my sister's bird books (Mrs. Florence Merriam Bailey, wife of the naturalist, Vernon Bailey).

If I come across duplicates of any papers relating to the birds of your part of the world I shall be glad to send them to you. Replying to your inquiry about books on western birds, I shall send you in the near future a copy of my sister's HANDBOOK OF BIRDS OF WESTERN UNITED STATES, which contains a large percentage of the species of your region. [~~Sent with this~~].

In case you ever happen to kill a grizzly bear, kindly remember that an opportunity to examine its skull would be much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. R. Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame



December 31, 1930

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account  
for the month of December, amounting  
to \$57.32.

Kindly pay it from the  
Harriman Fund as usual, and oblige.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

## Expense Account for December 1930

Dec. 1	Jaeger, Latin & Greek Zool. Names	1	00
1	Fred Lockley, Ingham's Mascot Bears	1	00
5	Bird-Lore Magazine for 1931	1	50
5	Typewriter copying ribbon 1.00; thread (binding) .10	1	10
5	Rev. A. G. Morice (Winnipeg) Bal. on his large volume on the Carrier Language	1	12 00
6	Ottawa Field Naturalist (Magazine) for 1931	2	00
9	Journ. Mammalogy: Reprints Calif. Squirrel	2	6 38
16	Mazama, Vol. 12, No. 12	1	50
17	Outdoor Life (Duplicate No.). 25; red ink. 25	1	00
20	Western Soc. Naturalists	3	00
20	Fuertes Album Abyssinian Birds	3	00
20	Am. Museum Nat. History: Nat. History Magazine for 1931	3	00
23	Pierce, H. D.: A Forty-Niner Speaks	3	00
26	Journ. Heredity for 1931	2	25
29	100 Reprints from Condor (Whitetail Kite)	2	53
4	pkgs. stamped envlps. 2.26; postage .27	3	50
	Cleaning office rooms, month of December	3	00
	Waxing office floor (Wax .50; labor 2.50)	4	60
	Telephone: Dec. 6-Jan. 5 1/3 of 7.80	5	64
	Electric current: Nov. 17-Dec. 17, 1/3 of 7.94	6	1 82
	Gas: Nov. 18-Dec. 16, 1/3 of 5.46		
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C. Hart Merriam  
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Dr. E. W. Nelson  
Orosi, California

December 31, 1930

Dear Nelson:

You certainly have been showering good things on the Merriam family of late. What the giant persimmons were to me, and the sweet dates to Elizabeth, your newest sending--the revised and rearranged Wild Animals of North America--is both a surprise and a delight to us both. I congratulate you on having lived long enough to bring out a new edition in such fine shape and so handsomely bound. I did not know that you were at work on it.

In view of all these friendly obligations it hurts me to break the news that it is out of the question for me to do much in the way of helping you with material for your obituary of Henshaw.

Before leaving California I was strongly urged from three independent sources to write a notice of Henshaw's work, particularly in Natural History and Ethnology. Two of these requests were from Cattell (for Science) and the editors of the Anthropologist (for their journal). I declined on the ground that it was utterly out of the question for me to take the time to do the thing.

I am so continuously overwhelmed by the pressure of accumulated and accumulating work that if I yield to such requests

E. W. N.

there is no chance whatever of finishing any more of my own work; and furthermore, while in years you and I are about on a par, mentally I am much older and more sluggish than you. In other words, it probably takes me at least five times as long to write anything as it does you. And I feel a heavy obligation to make a better showing in print for what I have received from the Harriman Fund.

Of course I have a lot of Henshaw's letters and will try to read them evenings, and am likely to find some things of interest to you.

Henshaw and I were friends for fifty-eight years.

In the spring of 1872 we both, unbeknownst to one another, were collecting birds east of Salt Lake in Utah. And if rumor is to be relied upon, another no less promising bud of future naturalistic fame was also collecting birds in this same region at the same time. The third boy was of course no other than the author of the present revised edition of the Geographic Society's Mammal book. It strikes me as a most curious and interesting coincidence that three boys, unknown to one another, but destined to become Ornithologists of note and two of them presidents of the American Ornithologists Union, should have been birding in Utah at the same time.

Henry and I met a few months later, but you and I did not get together till after the lapse of some years.



E.W.N.

You ask about Henshaw's quality as a field collector. As you already know he was one of the keenest and best bird collectors in all America; and moreover, by long practice he had become the quickest bird skinner ever known and set a standard which has been followed to the present day. Half a century ago I was an interested witness of skinning matches between Robert Ridgway, Doctor Elliott Coues, Henshaw, and Brewster. The two latter were nearly a tie. If my memory serves me correctly, Henshaw skinned, poisoned, stuffed, labeled, and completed the preparation of a small bird inside of three minutes.

As a hunting partner he was enthusiastic and companionable-- in striking contrast to his silence and indifference in old age. I visited him at his father's home near Boston in 1873 or 1874, and later shared his room during early visits to Washington. I hunted birds with him on ground now well within the city limits of Washington (and not far from my present home) and also in neighboring parts of Virginia. And furthermore, both he and the late William Brewster visited my home in the western edge of the Adirondack region in northern New York, where they secured breeding Mourning Warblers and other prizes.

In declining the request of the Anthropologist I rattled off, off-hand, some recollections of Henshaw, adding that if any of the information given would be of value to the writer of the desired obituary, he had my permission to use it. Later, I learned that the

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Anthropologist was going to publish my letter and that Hodge had agreed to write the formal obituary. Probably both of these will appear in the next number of the Anthropologist.

In view of your age, the uncertain condition of your health, and the great importance to naturalists and explorers of the work you should complete on the Mammals and Birds of Mexico, you will pardon me for saying that I think you owe it to yourself, your friends, and future workers to give precedence to this work over each and every other demand on your time. It is only too apparent that your generous helpful nature prompts you to yield far too easily to the importunities of friends. I refer not only to the great amount of time you have given to the Shiras book but also to the innumerable acts of kindly assistance you have bestowed on others. I have personally a very acute sense of what this means.

Christmas has come and gone. Dorothy and Henry and the two children came for the holidays. Henry has already returned to Boston and the others will follow in two or three days.

Dorothy joins Elizabeth and me in affectionate greetings.

As ever yours,

~~C. Hart~~  
I forgot to mention that Henshaw and I were keen on identifying birds by sight whether in the brush or in flight. Henshaw was remarkable in this. His eyesight was exceedingly quick and certain. Will Brewster, on the other hand, was not so good at sight identification but far surpassed us both in the acuteness of his ear, for he could identify almost any bird by its notes.



Mr. Teunis F. Collier  
1109 Twentieth Street  
Washington, D.C.

January 6, 1931

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your belated bill, which reached me a few minutes ago. The main items seem to be entirely correct, but there are one or two things that I don't understand.

For instance, \$30 is the charge stated for repairing plaster in basement. I understood you to say that this would be on the basis of time and materials. The time actually spent was one and a half days.

The item of \$15 for the electric plug in the kitchen appears to be covered by the clause in your contract that calls for this work in accordance with my instructions. As a matter of fact, the cost was very materially less than originally contemplated for the reason that only a single new outlet was required (that on the ceiling) and instead of the fixture intended to be supplied by your electrician, I purchased and paid for the fixture myself and brought it here all ready to hang. So the charge for this appears to be an error.

And I wish also to file a kick against the charge of \$32.50 for the whirl ventilator over the kitchen flue. It is preposterously big, as I wrote you when it was put up, and the

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base has not been painted. It has not accomplished the object for which it was placed: namely, the prevention of the smell of cooking. Furthermore, I have no means of knowing whether or not it was placed on the right flue, of which there are several in that chimney.

I shall be glad to hear from you in regard to these at your earliest convenience, as I am anxious to pay the bill and close the transaction.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*



January 6, 1931

Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In the year 1852 a  
"Lieutenant Moore" of the United  
States Army was engaged in pursuing  
Indians between Yosemite Valley and  
Mono Lake.

Can you tell me whether or  
not his name was Tredwell Moore, and  
if not, what his first name was?

Respectfully,

C. Hart American -



January 6, 1931

Mr. A. E. Borell  
2114 Parker Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Borell:

Thanks for your letter of December 30  
and accompanying copies of the photograph of  
Mr. Mailliard and myself which you took at  
Lagunitas last summer.

It is an excellent picture, and I am  
obliged for the copy which you have kindly  
allowed me to keep. The others I have autographed  
in accordance with your request, and am returning  
herewith.

Shall be glad to see you and your friends  
again if you have time to call next summer.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. H. A. Muniam —



January 7, 1931

Mr. Teunis F. Collier  
1109 Twentieth Street  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Collier:

Troubles come when least expected, and that infernal machine on the top of my kitchen flue seems to die hard.

Some of the women and also a young man in the apartment next door complain that the thing makes so much noise that they can't sleep. And I am obliged to admit that, although my bedroom is in the middle of the house and I am somewhat deaf, I nevertheless heard the thing myself when the wind blew so hard between three and four o'clock this morning.

I naturally shrink from being declared a public nuisance by the people next door.

My dictation at this point was interrupted by the painter whom you sent to paint the base of the big machine. He has kindly taken up an oil pot and will give the stem a good dose of oil; and if the thing has the proper and usual oil tube for the stem to revolve in, he will fill it. This should stave us off from further immediate hostilities.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart American



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Very truly yours,

C. Eastman



January 9, 1931

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Very many thanks for your courtesy  
and promptness in sending me the Annual  
Statement of receipts and disbursements on  
account of the Harriman Trust Fund for the  
calendar year ending December 31, 1930.

Since its receipt a few days ago  
I have been too overwhelmed with other work  
to compare it with my account, but unless I  
have made some mistake it will doubtless  
agree as usual.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 9, 1931

University of California Press  
Berkeley, California

Dear Sirs:

Please send me one copy of each of the following  
numbers of the Publications in American Archaeology and Ethnology:

- Vol. 23. 2. Historic Aboriginal Groups of the California Delta  
Region, by W. Egbert Schenck, November, 1926 .30
- Vol. 24. 3. Yokuts and Western Mono Pottery-Making, by A. H. Gayton,  
September 1929 .40
4. The Valley Nisenan, by A. L. Kroeber, December 1929 .50
5. The Bear River Dialect of Athapascan, by P. E. Goddard,  
December 1929 .40
8. Yokuts-Mono chiefs and Shamans, by A. H. Gayton,  
October 1930 .80
- Vol. 25. 1. Lovelock Cave, by Llewellyn L. Loud and M. R. Harrington,  
February 1929 2.50
3. Tribal Initiations & Secret Societies, by Edwin M.  
Loeb, February 1929 .50
4. Archaeology of the Northern San Joaquin Valley, by  
W. E. Schenck and Elmer J. Dawson, September 1929 1.55
- Vol. 26. Aboriginal Society in Southern California, by W. D.  
Strong, May 1929 4.50
- Vol. 28. 1. Chumash Prehistory, by R. L. Olson, January 1930 .30
3. Ghost Dance of 1870 in South-Central California,  
by A. H. Gayton, March 1930 .35

Enclosed is my check for \$12.10 in payment.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 10, 1931

Dauber & Pine Bookshops, Inc.  
66 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Please send me at the above address the  
following, as advertised in your Catalogue No. 78:  
Animal Photography  
245 In a Zoological Garden. A series of 121  
Photographic Plates, 4to, stiff wrappers. \$2.25  
Leipzig, 1929.

My check for \$2.25 in payment is  
enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart American



January 12, 1930

Doctor Walter T. Swingle  
Inyo, California

Dear Doctor Swingle:

For some time I have been most anxious to make another visit to Death Valley for the special purpose of obtaining additional material from the few remaining Panamint Indians in that region. If matters work out right, I should like to go about the end of March.

The question arises as to whether or not it is practicable to make this trip without a camp outfit and without the enormous expense of staying at the tourist hotel--not to mention the probable difficulty of getting from the hotel to the homes of the Indians.

Knowing that you have visited the Valley in recent times, I am making bold to trouble you for the desired information.

With best wishes, and regrets that I was not able to see more of you during your recent visit to Washington,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 14, 1930

Mr. Guy Hopping, Superintendent  
General Grant National Park  
California

My dear Mr. Hopping:

In one or two of your letters about the Indians of your region, you speak of "Monos" and "Diggers" as if they were two distinct tribes in the region.

In one place you state that "the Monos and a few Diggers moved down to the vicinity of Dunlap".

Now what I would like to know is the difference between the tribe you call Monos and the one you call Diggers.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

The above may not be perfectly clear. I know that the Indians of Mill Flat Creek and Dunlap Valley are commonly called Monos, but I do not know what tribe you mean by Diggers. The term is most unfortunate as it is currently applied by the white citizens of California to practically every tribe of the State and therefore is devoid of exact meaning. But obviously you had some definite people in mind. Who they are I should be glad to know. - C. Hart Merriam



January 15, 1931

Mr. H. T. Martin  
Pathological Museum  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Sir:

On my return from California, Vernon Kellogg told me that you had the skull of a fossil grizzly which you were willing to loan me for examination.

I shall be in Washington for some time and should be greatly obliged for the privilege of examining this bear skull in comparison with skulls of related Grizzlies in our collection.

If you will kindly take the trouble to see that it is carefully wrapped and packed in a wooden box and shipped by express, I will examine it shortly after its receipt and see that it is properly returned to you.

By same mail I am sending you a copy of my revision of the Big Bears, published in 1910.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Please address skull U.S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, charges collect, and please put a memorandum inside the box, stating "To be examined and returned by C. Hart Merriam."



January 15, 1931

Mr. Fred W. Wilson  
Adin, California

Dear Friend:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter asking about the California case.

It has been difficult to learn the status of this case. But I have just been informed that both sides are still at work preparing their statements [briefs], and that the date for a hearing has not yet been fixed.

It takes a long time to find out about such things here.

The way the thing stands now, there doesn't seem to be anything more that can be done about it.

I believe the Indians will win their case, as the Attorney General of California is strong for the Indians' rights.

When I learn anything more I will let you know.

With best wishes to you and all your people,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



January 16, 1931

Mr. A. B. Overholser  
Squaw Valley, California

My dear Mr. Overholser:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging the letter you were good enough to write me about the distances of your store from the U. S. G. S. bench mark on the west, and the Squaw Valley school on the east--also for the information from Doctor Bob.

It appears from what he told you that he spoke of his tribe (Chokimina) and the closely related Choenimne on the north, collectively--their languages being practically the same.

The territory of the northern tribe (the Choenimne) centers along the lower part of the valley of Mill Creek to its junction with Kings River. I have been told that their country reached northeasterly to Oat Mountain and Lockett Mountain, and southwesterly over the foothills to Gravesboro or Tivy Valley. Does Bob confirm this?

Three miles directly north of the Squaw Valley school is a high mountain, the name of which has slipped my memory. Did the boundary between the Chokimina on the south (Bob's tribe) and the Choenimne on the north (Pony Pullow's tribe) pass over this mountain, or was it farther north? I failed to learn the location of this

boundary and shall be immensely obliged if you can find out for me. I assume that the high mountain (with bench mark registering 3396 ft.) about a mile and a half northwest of your store belonged to Bob's tribe, and shall be glad if you will kindly give me its name. Did Hills Valley also belong to Bob's tribe?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



Dear Doctor Bunnell:

January 19, 1931

You certainly hit the nail on the head when you sent me that splendid book consisting of the collected letters of Professor William H. Brewer. Professor Brewer examined me for entrance to the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale in 1874, since which up to the time of his death about three years ago he was one of my most esteemed friends.

The book is to me intensely interesting. I have been reading it evenings and am now a little more than half way through. Nearly all the localities thus far mentioned are familiar to me personally, and I am eager to cover the ground in the remaining half of the book.

One of the surprises is the statement that Yount's ranch in Napa Valley (for many years Yountsville) was originally called Sebastapol, which name during my work in California has always been officially as well as commonly applied to the town about seven miles west of Santa Rosa.

An interesting feature of the book from our standpoint is the Professor's obvious fear of grizzly bears. This should open the eyes of some of our present day writers who would have us believe that grizzly bears would make fine family pets!

About the only regrettable feature of the book, so far as I have read, is Brewer's depreciating remarks about Indians.

S.B.

Evidently he didn't know Indians and absorbed the usual white man's point of view.

Apart from its general interest, it is as you of course know, of high historic value, and besides is most entertaining reading. Thanking you for your thoughtfulness and kindness in sending it.

As ever yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Dr. Sterling Bunnell  
1980 Washington Street  
San Francisco, California

Farquhar deserves much credit for his painstaking labor in bringing out the book and for the numerous explanatory notes at the ends of the chapters.



January 19, 1931

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar  
114 Sansome Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

I want to thank you and at the same time congratulate you on the fine piece of work you have done on the Brewer letters--not only in the tedious editorial work but also in the informative notes at the ends of the chapters.

I have been a friend and admirer of Professor Brewer for considerably more than half a century. He examined me at the time of my entrance to the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale in 1874. I attended his lectures and dined with him at his home, and we were rather intimate friends up to the time of his death.

I find the book of enormous interest, as well as of high historic value.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 19, 1931

Dr. Henry H. Hazen  
1911 R Street  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Hazen:

I quite agree with you as to the unfortunate name Carlsbad, as applied to the caverns.

At the time the name was first used I filed a strong objection, but the people of Carlsbad, 26 miles away, insisted on it; and Professor Lee, who had been the principal authority in exploring the caverns agreed to it.

I had urged that an appropriate Indian name be adopted, but failed to carry the point.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 19, 1931

The Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in writing me under date of January 6 in regard to Lieutenant Treadwell Moore. Thank you also for sending me a copy of a letter from Colonel E.A. Hitchcock, Second Infantry, dated San Francisco, July 14, 1852, in which he gives much information concerning the expedition of Lieutenant Moore in pursuit of Yosemite Indians who had fled to the Mono Lake region.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -

January 19, 1931

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

We were very glad to hear from you and to know that you are interested in Bailey's Animal Life of Yellowstone Park.

We were glad to know also that Marin County is "looking up" with new roads and other improvements starting in the near future. I hope enough rain has fallen to insure a good season.

Zenaida and her baby are looking well and gaining in weight.

The region about Washington was unprecedentedly dry last fall but we have now had a number of good rains and hope for more before spring.

Mrs. Merriam and Miss Grover join me in kind remembrances.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -

Mr. Robert Sanborn  
Fairfax, Marin County  
California



January 19, 1931

Mr. M. B. Streeter  
217 Havemeyer Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Streeter:

Yours of the 12th instant was just handed me by Bailey. Glad to hear from you again.

Also glad to know that you and "Mrs. Streeter", whom I assume to be your new wife, visited the National Museum and were pleased with the collection of Indian baskets.

Next time you come you had better call at 1919 16th Street and take a look at some of our "real baskets".

Replying to your inquiry, so far as I know there is no recent book on the subject.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
*C. G. Bailey*



January 19, 1931

Byron S. Adams  
512 11th Street  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please send me with bill one thousand sheets of letterhead exactly like that of this letter, and also two thousand second sheets to match.

The quality and weight of the paper must be as good and its color no darker.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



January 20, 1931

California State Automobile Assoc.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly  
send me two copies of your road maps covering  
the western part of the Mohave Desert, Owens  
Valley, and Panamint, Death, Amargosa, and  
Pahrump Valleys.

I have been a member of the California  
State Automobile Association continuously since  
1912. My 1931 card (expiring September 1, 1931)  
is No. 40741, San Francisco office.

Very truly yours,

C. Hall American



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January 30, 1931

Dear E.W.:

Since hearing from you last I have been perusing Henshaw's letters, of which I have a considerable number, dating back for at least 56 years. Most of them are purely personal--many somewhat jocose and trivial. Some are undated as to year. The dates of several of these could be ascertained by contemporary information. A number were written while I was at Yale. Many naturally refer to Will Brewster, who as you know was one of Henshaw's most intimate and most prized friends, as well as his earliest companion in bird collecting about Cambridge.

You ask for "any little episode of Henshaw's life that might be of interest". I recollect several such, but as in the case of R.R. and E.W. should hardly care to see them in print!

Of course you are not interested in the following excerpt from a letter dated December 15 [year blank]: "Made the acquaintance of Nelson in Chicago and 'tis a long time since I have met a fellow who pleased me more, or appeared better worth cultivating." Can you supply the year?

Doubtless you are familiar with Henshaw's autobiography as published some years ago in the Condor. I have not read it since it's first appearance, but it must be a prolific source of just the information needed in preparing his obituary.

It is good to know that you are having your old journals typed. I most earnestly hope that you will live long enough to

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get out the books on your Mexican material--everything else is trivial by comparison.

Am also pleased that you are outlining an autobiography of your own. If you tell the whole truth it will be entertaining reading and should be inspiring to the younger generation.

Have just received an interesting letter from Frank Chapman, written from his usual winter quarters at Barro Colorado Island. He still is in love with the place and finds it a successful offset for the fatigue and interruptions of work in the Museum.

Trusting you will have no more setbacks and with love from Elizabeth and myself,

As ever yours,

*don*

E.W. Nelson  
Orosi, California

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January 30, 1931

Mr. F. M. Cabot  
Editor, The Sportsman  
60 Batterymarch  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your  
courtesy in sending me the beautifully  
illustrated African Game-Lands by  
Prentiss Gray.

It is a fine thing to issue  
in such worthwhile form a contribution  
of this kind.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 31, 1931

Mr. F.L. French  
314 Cottage Street  
Sparta, Wisconsin

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 16, you surprise me very much by saying that you have received a letter from me stating that "Moose did have canine teeth on their under jaw".

In this connection I would state that so far as I know I have never written you in regard to Moose or anything else, and that I have no reason to believe that Moose possess canine teeth in either jaw. We have several very large skulls of bull Moose in the National Museum, none of which show any trace of canines.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 30, 1931

Professor H.H. Lane  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Professor Lane:

Very many thanks for your kind letter of the 23rd instant, and for your trouble in shipping the skull of the fossil bear. It has arrived safely and is most interesting.

Just where was this skull found?

It is not a Grizzly but a very large old male of the Black Bear group (genus Euarctos). As a result of a very unusual accident the atlas vertebra is firmly ankylosed to the occipital condyles, interfering with several important cranial measurements.

Our enormous collection of Bear skulls (more than <sup>in</sup> all the other Museums of the world put together) does not contain any skull resembling this one. Some years ago I examined a very large Black Bear skull from New Mexico, which as I remember it was very much like this one. I think it was loaned temporarily by your Museum.

If not too much trouble, would you kindly look over your Bear skulls and see if you have any of unusually large size belonging to the Euarctos group. And if you have the specimen in question I should like very much to borrow it for a few days to compare with the fossil skull.

Regretting to trouble you again, and with congratulations on your new and important position,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 31, 1931

Mr. A.C. Davis  
Automobile Club of Southern Calif.  
Los Angeles, California

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the two copies of your folder map of the Mohave Desert, Death Valley, and adjoining regions. It is just what I want and I am very much obliged.

In examining it I am not particularly surprised to note a large number of new names, but am surprised that a number of the names in use forty years ago, when I had charge of a Biological Survey of the Death Valley region, are not on this map.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

January 31, 1931

Mr. J.D. Cochran  
Barkerville,  
British Columbia

Dear Mr. Cochran:

Please pardon my long delay in looking after the Grizzly skull mentioned in your letters of June 10 and December 13. I was late in returning to Washington, since which I have been too overwhelmed to visit the Museum.

I went there yesterday and saw the skull. It is in good condition but by no means fully adult--should call it a 4-year-old. It has a very large hind molar, and in a few years would have been a monster.

Am enclosing herewith my check on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco for \$10.00 in payment.

What you say about being charged at close quarters by a wounded Grizzly is most interesting--to say the least. And I should be thankful if you have time to give me a little fuller account of the episode.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

February 1, 1931

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of January, amounting to \$144.20, together with bill of Byron S. Adams for 1000 letter heads and 2000 follow sheets, \$26.25, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

You will observe that for the first time I am also enclosing an item for fuel oil. This is for \$40.16 being one third the cost of heating oil purchased since early November.

You may remember that when I gave up renting office quarters (in the Northumberland Apts) ten years ago I was paying a monthly rental of \$90 (\$1080 per annum and going up). Therefore by moving into my own house I have saved to the Fund more than \$10,800, but in so doing have depreciated the value of the house and added materially to my personal expenses.

It became necessary to make room for 10 office bookcases, 6 steel safes, 3 large and heavy map cases, and nearly 50 4-drawer file cases--all but 5 of which are steel.

You may imagine how much room these take up, but you can hardly appreciate how the conversion of the home into an office has destroyed the usual comforts, privileges and privacy of the several members of our household.

Dorsey 2

The difficulty of heating so much additional space necessitated the purchase of a larger and better furnace and called for a considerable increase of fuel.

Up to the present month I have never charged any part of this to the Fund, but now, owing to the oppressive cost of living and the additional expense of fuel to heat the office quarters, I feel that you will agree with me that it is proper for the Fund to pay one-third the cost of the fuel.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for January 1931

Jan. 8	Journ. Washn Acad. Sci. for 1931		5 00
9	Univ. Calif. Press (Eth. pubs.)		12 00
10	Dauber & Pine: Photo plates Leipzig Zool. Garden		2 25
15	Broom: Origin Human Skeleton		3 20
17	Calif. Historical Soc. Quarterly for 1931		10 00
19	Audubon Soc. Pubs.		1 00
20	Am. Anthropologist for 1931		6 00
21	N.Y. Zool. Soc. Bull. 1931		1 50
26	Proceedings Biological Society 1931		3 00
29	Livingston, Inc.: Steel file case 17.50; delivery 1.00; Stationery supplies 3.70	1	22 20
31	Science for 1931 6.00; Science Monthly 1931 5.00		11 00
	J.D. Cochran: Skull of male Grizzly from British Columbia		10 00
	3 pkgs stamp envelopes		1 72
	Cleaning office rooms, month of January		3 50
	Gas Dec 16-Jan 20 \$9.24	1/3 off \$9.24 = 3.08	3 08
	Electric current Dec 17-Jan. 16 9.53	1/3 of 9.53 = 3.17	3 17
	Telephone Jan. 6-Feb. 5 5.75	1/3 of 5.75 = 1.92	1 92
	Cleaning Office rooms month of January		3 50
	Fuel Oil Nov.-Dec. 30: 1125 gals at 8 cts	\$86.80	
	Shell Oil Co. Jan. 1931 421 "	33.68	
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February 6, 1931

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Asst. Secy.,  
Smithsonian Institution,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Wetmore:

Your invitation to take part in a dinner to  
Dr. Marcus Benjamin came in this morning's mail.

While appreciative of Dr. Benjamin's ability and  
services, I regret that it is out of the question for me  
to be present. For several years past my health has been  
such that it has been impracticable for me to take part  
in anything of this kind.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F

February 6, 1931

Mr. Maxwell Perkins,  
Charles Scribner's Sons,  
5th Avenue at 48th Street,  
New York City

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst. I  
am really pained to admit that it seems impossible for  
me to finish even the popular Bear book during the  
present winter.

I am very busy trying to clear up last season's  
field notes among various Indian tribes in California  
and I am anxious to get back as early as practicable.  
Furthermore, I am making a special effort to complete  
for publication two rather large ethnological papers on  
which I have been engaged for several years.

With regrets,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F



February 6, 1931

Mr. Charles E. Mohr,  
Bucknell University,  
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Mohr:

In compliance with your request, I take pleasure  
in sending you herewith a copy of my "Synopsis of the  
Weasels" and a "Review of the Grizzly and Brown Bears".

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -

CHM:F

February 6, 1931

Mr. James Silver, Chairman,  
Committee on Arrangements,  
Biological Survey Reception

Dear Doctor Silver:

Your very thoughtful and tempting invitation  
to Mrs. Merriam and myself for the coming reception at  
the Washington Club has just reached me. But owing to  
my age and the present condition of my health, I do not  
feel that it would be right to accept.

Appreciating your courtesy, I regret to be forced  
to decline. *Kind regards to you all -*

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -

CHM:F



February 20, 1931

Mr. F. A. Thackery,  
United States Date Farm,  
Indio, Calif.

Dear Mr. Thackery:

Because of my long delay in acknowledging your courtesy in sending me the wonderful samples of the product of your labors, do not think me ungrateful for they were highly appreciated by both Mrs. Merriam and myself.

When are you likely to know whether or not the Fort Mohave project will be settled? I am still hoping to make the trip but as yet have no definite plans. My hope is that I may be able to go in with you, and arrange for some other means of taking me farther north in order to do a little work in several other places before returning.

The kind message you sent by Mr. Talbot is greatly appreciated by me and is particularly gratifying to Mrs. Merriam.

With best wishes to yourself and Mr. Swingle,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:F



February 21, 1931

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Many thanks for the photograph you  
were kind enough to send me of the Society's  
Board of Trustees taken December 10th, last.

I am somewhat appalled to see that I  
look so antiquated. Nevertheless, I am very  
glad to have the group picture.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:F

February 21, 1931

Mr. H. J. Stephany  
New York Recording Laboratories  
Ft. Washington, Wisconsin

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst. in  
regard to the reproduction of some cylinders on which  
are recorded songs in an Indian language.

The price quoted in your Company's letter of  
December 18th, \$500.00 for the eleven records, was so  
appalling that I have not yet recovered from the shock.  
Unhappily, the Smithsonian is not a gold mine and per-  
sonally I am far remote from the financial resources  
that would enable me to pay anything approaching this  
amount.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hall Thwaites*

CHM:F



February 21, 1931

Mr. Guy Hopping, Asst. Supt.  
General Grant National Park, Calif.

My dear Mr. Hopping:

Very many thanks for your letter of January 29 and for the trouble you took in securing the information in regard to the use of the name 'Digger' as applied to certain Indians in your region.

Practically every tribe of Indians from Western Wyoming to the Pacific Ocean has been called 'Diggers' by the whites. Of course, there is no such tribe, the name covering probably not fewer than two hundred tribes representing a large number of linguistic stocks.

But since you had given me the name for certain tribes in your region--a region in which there are two distinct linguistic stocks, Shoshonean and Yokut--I wanted to find out which of these groups is the one to which the name is locally applied. You now tell me the valley tribes are the 'Diggers' [Yokut] the mountain tribes the ones commonly called 'Mono' [Shoshonean].

This is exactly what I was anxious to find out and I am very much obliged for your trouble and kindness in writing me so fully.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*

CHM:F



February 24, 1931

Miss Hortense Davis  
 Pass Christian, Mississippi

My dear Miss Davis:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter of the 11th inst. I have been exceedingly overwhelmed with work and your letter became mislaid.

Replying to your inquiry, Sergeant C. B. Tidd may be reached by addressing him at Ross River, Yukon, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada.

He takes 'Bird Lore' and therefore presumably has current numbers, but doubtless would be glad to receive old numbers. I have sent him quite a batch of bird literature.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

CHM:F

February 24, 1931

Prof. H. H. Lane  
 University of Kansas  
 Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Professor Lane

At last I have finished studying the two bear skulls you were good enough to send me two or three weeks ago. Both are of more than usual interest, particularly the fossil one from the gravel pit near Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Unfortunately, the teeth in both skulls are very badly worn. Still, enough remains, in connection with the skull characters, to show that they were quite different species. The long sloping frontal shield of the gravel pit specimen is very unusual among bears.

In spite of the apparent material difference in size of the two skulls, their essential measurements, except for the teeth, are remarkably similar. It would be great if some unworn or moderately worn teeth of these bears could be discovered.

I am informed by the Biological Survey that the two skulls have been very carefully packed and returned to you by express prepaid. I trust they will reach you in good condition. I wish also to repeat my appreciation of your courtesy in letting me examine them.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

CHM:F



February 24, 1931

Mr. Ernest C. Oberholtzer  
Quetico-Superior Council  
Ranier, Minn.

My dear Mr. Oberholtzer:

Replying to your letter of the 18th inst., I  
am distressed to learn that the Quetico-Superior Council  
is so badly off financially and regret exceedingly my  
inability to help out.

I am an old man in very moderate circumstances  
and am not acquainted with people of means who might  
be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. *Harrison*

CHM:F



February 24, 1931

Prof. Henry F. Bishop  
Asst. Supt. Schools  
Fresno, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 24 (mislaid during great pressure of work), would say:

A good deal of ethnological work has been done among the Yokut and Monache tribes of Fresno and Tulare Counties, much worthwhile material has been gathered, and several papers or chapters have been published about them. Still, the quantity is less than concerning many other groups of California Indians.

The first noteworthy contribution was by Stephen Powers who, in his big work on the Tribes of California (dated 1877), devotes a long chapter to them (pp 369-392). In 1904 I published in Science an article entitled "Distribution of Indian Tribes in the Southern Sierra and adjacent parts of San Joaquin Valley" in which a number of tribes were briefly named and located (vol. 19, June 17, 1904). In 1907 Kroeber published several Yokut papers, <sup>one</sup> entitled "Indian Myths from South Central California" (Univ. Calif. Publs. Amer. Archaeol. and

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Ethnol., Vol. 4, 1907); another, entitled "Shoshonean Dialects of California" (pp 65 to 166); and still another, "The Yokuts Language" with a classification of tribes (Ibid., Vol. 2, pp 165 to 377, 1907).

George W. Stewart published a "Yokuts Creation Myth" (Journal American Folklore, Vol. 19, p 322, 1906) followed by "Two Yokuts Traditions" (Ibid., Vol. 21, pp 237 to 239, 1908).

In addition to these, Kroeber in his "Handbook of California Indians", published in 1925, has several chapters on the Yokuts, comprising pages 474 to 543.

In 1929 Anna H. Gayton published a paper entitled "Yokuts and Western Mono Pottery-making", followed in 1930 by two papers, one on "Yokuts-Mono Chiefs and Shamans"; the other on the "Ghost Dance of 1870 in South-Central California". All three of these were issued by the University of California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:F



March 3, 1931

Prof. F. F. Latta  
Tulare Union High School  
Tulare, Calif.

My dear Professor Latta:

Again I have to ask your pardon for the unpardonable delay in acknowledging your last letter, along with a copy which you were good enough to send me of early notes on Sacramento Valley Indians, particularly of the Colusa region, by your friend, H. C. Bailey. The accounts of stealing Indian children for slaves are heartrending--like many others I have collected from various parts of the State.

Incidentally, I notice a couple of geographic names which I do not recognize in the present form. On the first part of the matter entitled 'Indian Slaves' you mention Strong Creek. Is this not Stony Creek? And on a nearby page is Cartenas Valley. Is not this Cortena Valley?

I am obliged also for the material contributed by Old Pahmit. I notice that Pahmit told you that a white man shot Major Savage. All other accounts I have seen state that he was killed by Indians.

My only apology for the long delay in writing is that I am so overwhelmed and buried in various pieces of work that I find it impossible to catch up. And in addition, my regular

Prof. F. F. L.

stenographer, whom you met at Lagunitas last year, has been in the hospital for more than a month and is still there after a very severe operation on her neck--the result still in doubt.

Again thanking you for your courtesy in sending me the copies of these notes and with best wishes, in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CEM:F



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*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F

Retake of Preceding Frame



March 3, 1931

Mr. Clyde C. Searl  
Acting Park Naturalist  
Grand Canyon, Arizona

My dear Mr. Searl:

In scanning your article entitled 'Some Interesting Bird Records' published in the February number of 'Grand Canyon Nature Notes' received today, I notice half a dozen or more records of birds which you state "have not been reported in the Grand Canyon region, nor in that country south of Grand Canyon as far as the San Francisco Mountain region and Mormon Lake".

At least six of these birds were recorded by me forty-one years ago in my 'Biological Survey of the San Francisco Mountain Region', of which you of course must have a copy in your library.

The birds referred to are mentioned in your list under the names: Western Grebe, Western Savannah Sparrow, Slender-billed Nuthatch, Oregon Junco, Rocky Mountain Hairy Woodpecker, and Williamson Sapsucker. In addition, one or more of the others seem susceptible of erroneous subspecific identification.

In regard to the subspecies of Hairy Woodpecker named monticola by Anthony, it is well to bear in mind that this form was not described until eight years after the publication

Mr. C. C. S.

of my report, in which it is recorded under the then accepted name of Dryobates villosus hyloscopus.

This is not intended as a criticism but merely to suggest that before recording species as new to any area it is prudent to examine previous publications on the same region.

'Nature Notes from the Grand Canyon' contains a surprisingly large quantity of interesting and important material and each number is eagerly looked for at this end of the line. I want to congratulate you and your associates on the value of your contributions.

If Mr. and Mrs. McKee have returned, please give them my kind regards.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F



Dr. E. W. Nelson  
Orosi, Calif.

March 5, 1931

Dear Nelson:

Doubtless you are properly annoyed by my tardiness in sending the Henshaw material you asked for so long ago.

Personally, I have been and still am snowed under with a great variety of work and have been too tired evenings to make much progress. And for more than a month my regular stenographer, Miss Grover, has been laid up in Garfield Hospital from the second operation on her neck. She is still there.

I have spent many evenings in running over the letters, with the result of finding very little that you would want to publish and that you ought to publish. He says a lot of things that would be interesting a century hence but at present would be liable to offend too many people still living. Many of the letters are purely personal, and many more contain a mixture of personal affairs and matters relating to scientific persons, bureaus, or events. A great majority refer without explicit mention to persons or affairs which I was familiar with at the time but which are not self-explanatory, and many are undated.

I had intended to send you typed transcripts of the matter that seemed of interest from the standpoint of a  
E. W. N.

biographer but that having proved impossible, I am forwarding by registered mail the letters that seem likely to appeal to you.

As ever, yours,

C. Hart

March 5, 1931

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Again I wish to thank you for the bound volumes of the Geographic Magazine for 1930 and also for the two beautifully bound copies of the new edition of Nelson's 'Wild Animals of North America'--an interesting and valuable work which I am very glad to see in this new edition.

Your method of devoting large parts of each issue to a particular country or region appeals to me strongly. Surely this is the best way to present the facts one is often in search for. For several years I have been extracting these articles and binding them separately for handy reference in my geographic files.

The financial statement which you were good enough to enclose is also naturally of much interest and it is reassuring to see that in spite of the general depression, the growth of the Society has continued.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:F



March 5, 1931

Proprietor  
Furnace Creek Inn  
Death Valley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will inform me of the rates at your hotel by the day and by the week, irrespective of the method of getting there.

It is now thirty years since I spent some time in conducting a biological survey of Panamint Valley, Death Valley, the Amargosa, and adjacent regions and feel impelled to revisit the region.

How far from your hotel is the nearest Indian rancharia?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*

CHM:F

March 5, 1931

Mr. Fred Lockley  
1234 E. Stark Street  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

If not already sold, please send me the six original photographs (mentioned in your list No.

105), namely

Six original photographs of Captain Jack,  
Scarface Charlie, Shack Nasty Jim, Boston  
Charley, and Donald McKay: the lot \$2.50  
Also Schonchin.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*

CHM:F



March 6, 1931

Dr. D. A. Dery, President  
Provancher Society Natural History  
Quebec, Canada

My dear Doctor Dery:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the last annual report of the Provancher Society.

I am very glad to see the photograph of the memorial to Comeau, whose friendship I prized for many years.

I am glad also to have the notes on birds, and particularly the article on the White Whale.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F

March 7, 1931

The Attorney General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Can you inform me when, approximately, the case of the California Indians in the Court of Claims is likely to come up for settlement?

I have many letters of inquiry as to this from California Indians of different tribes and am much embarrassed in trying to answer their questions.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F



March 7, 1931

Supt. of Documents  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me a copy of Senate Hearings of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry on bill S 3483, the subject being, Control of Predatory Animals.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F

March 7, 1931

Superintendent of Documents  
Government Printing Office  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is \$1.00 for which please send its equivalent in serial publication entitled 'New Reclamation Era', Vol. 22, No. 2, February, 1931, relating to the Boulder Dam reclamation project.

Please send one copy each to the following addresses:

Henry Abbot  
6 Berkely Place  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. W. B. Stephens  
1250 Bay Street  
Alameda, Calif.

Dr. Sterling Bunnell  
Physicians Building  
Sutter Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Harry Merriam  
San Marcos  
San Diego County, Calif.

Lyman L. Merriam  
10 Enwillon Place  
Ossining, N. Y.

Miss Laura Mills  
Fallon, Nev.

If any copies are left, please send to me at 1919  
16th Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F



March 2, 1931

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account amounting to Forty-eight dol's for the month of February, together with salary voucher for Mrs. Edith N. Fimple for services February 6-28 at the rate of \$35.00 per week <sup>(\$116.67)</sup> which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington

Expense account for February 1931

Feb 1	Redwood League pub			2	00
	Boonville Herald for 1931			2	00
	Am Forests for 1931			4	00
5	Allens Press Clippings, Inds & Bears, Jan, Feb, March		1	9	00
	Matthes, Maps and Geol. History Yosemite Region			1	00
	Yosemite Nature Notes			2	00
21	Calif Out of Doors for 1931			1	00
25	1 quart Waterman Ink			1	20
	Washing Office windows			1	20
	Bus Tokens and Carfares, month of Feb	1/3 \$8.61	2	8	7
	El Current Jan 16-Feb 14 \$8.61	1/3 5.33	3	1	78
	Gas Jan 20-Feb 17 \$5.33	1/3 6.70	4	2	23
	Phone Feb 6-Mar 5 \$6.70				
	Shell Oil Co, Fuel Oil, month of Feb. \$48.00	1/3 48.00		16	00

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*C. Hart Merriam*



Dr. C. Hart Merriam accepts with  
pleasure the invitation of Dr. Gilbert  
Grosvenor to meet Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews  
at lunch at the Cosmos Club, at one o'clock,  
on Friday, March 13.

March 10, 1931.



March 11, 1931

Miss Isabel T. Kelly  
c/o Department Anthropology  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

My dear Miss Kelly:

It is good to know that someone is sufficiently interested in Indian basketry and basket designs to prepare and publish a bulletin on the subject, and it goes without saying that I have read with much interest your treatise on Yuki Basketry.

But in reading it the question has several times arisen as to whether all of the baskets you attribute to the Yuki were made by that tribe. Maybe you can tell me whether you have any evidence that the following were really made by the Yuki:

Plate 120, fig. c

- " 121, figs. a, b, e, and f
- " 122, " a and d
- " 124, " a, b, c, e, f, and h
- " 125, " a, e, and f (particularly f)

These do not look to me like Yuki baskets; and in view of the time immemorial custom of presenting or exchanging baskets at the ceremonial dances, it is necessary to be very cautious in allotting a basket to the tribe from which it was

I. T. K.

purchased. In one case I found typical baskets of six or eight tribes in one Indian camp; and in the case of another tribe visited by me in different years, the women took special pleasure in exhibiting their baskets strung out on the ground and asking me to name the tribes by whom they were made.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:F.



March 11, 1931

Mr. Claude Mills  
Fallon, Nevada

My dear Mr. Mills:

Vernon Bailey has given me your letter in regard to a possible auto trip to the Death Valley region. I am still in doubt about the various details of this trip and therefore cannot yet answer definitely.

What is the make of your car and is it in good condition?

In case it proves impracticable to make the expected auto trip in the Death Valley region, could you meet me in the southern part of Owens Valley, say at Lone Pine, during the middle or latter part of April, and if so, about how many days would it take you to drive from Fallon to Lone Pine?

I don't want to run up too big a bill but should of course expect to pay your keep and all expenses of the car and a little something extra for your time.

By the time your reply reaches me my plans will probably be more definitely fixed.

With kind regards to your sister, Miss Laura,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F

March 11, 1931

Mr. Frank A. Thackery  
1124 West 51st Place  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Thackery:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your very kind letter of February 26th from Indio.

Your offer to drive my car to Death Valley is most generous of you and greatly appreciated, but I fear it will be impracticable.

My car is in a garage in San Anselmo where I keep it winters. In order to use it, it will have to be put in condition and the 1931 license plates obtained, and I should have to go to Lagunitas, which I had not contemplated in this connection.

Being hardpressed for time, I could hardly take the additional week or ten days necessary to go to Lagunitas and have the car made ready.

I had figured on making the Death Valley trip by going direct from here to Southern California by rail, and on returning to Washington before going to Lagunitas--which as usual will be my base during the summer.

Much as I should enjoy making the trip with you, I regret to realize that it seems impracticable. Possibly we may arrange to meet at Furnace Creek. I hope so. I certainly appreciate your kindness.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F



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March 11, 1931

Mr. O. E. Moeser, Vice Pres. & Secy.  
The New York Recording Laboratories  
Port Washington, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Since the receipt of your letter of February 23 I have been too busy to take up the matter of the cylinder records of Indian songs referred to in previous letters. On examination, I find that four of them are broken or badly cracked, leaving seven possibles. One of these is not of much value but six are worthy of reproduction if the thread grooves are not injured. Of this I am no judge.

What would be your minimum price for reproducing on flat discs the six or seven unbroken cylinders, or would it be better to try one first as a sample? In any case, I could not pay more than \$100. as this would come out of my personal fund.

I think you understand that these records are not for public use or profit in any way. I want to put them at the disposal of students of Indian music, not for general entertainment or anything of the kind.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:F



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March 12, 1931

Collector of Taxes  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I expect to go to California in the near future and to be absent during June and July, at the time for making out my personal tax return.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send me two copies of the Personal Tax Return for 1931, or if these have not been printed, a duplicate of the 1930 return, on which I can enter the necessary figures before leaving.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F



March 17, 1931

Mr. Joseph L. Wheeler  
 Enoch Pratt Library  
 Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

The lists of books you have just sent me are interesting but I am a very busy old man and can't spare the time for critical examination.

In a few instances I have stricken out or queried titles, either because of the status of the author or the general worthlessness of the publication.

In the Bird List I feel strongly opposed to the classification. For instance, the Regional List includes several of our most important works--books covering the birds of half a continent or more and which are of enormous value. Several of these are of general interest; some are especially adapted to field use, with editions printed with narrow margins and flexible covers so they may be carried in the pocket.

To my mind the term 'Regional List' implies what the name seems to describe, namely, a local list or enumeration of the birds known in a stated locality. Of such there are many hundreds, of purely local interest.

In the list entitled 'Animal Biographies' I have stricken out one because of the utter unreliability of the author.

J. L. W.

The Anthropological List contains several titles with which I am not familiar, and omits several which, from my point of view, should be included. For instance, are not reliable works on the Mythology of our American Indians among the most valuable and at the same time most interesting from the popular standpoint?

In my opinion some of them ought to be compulsory reading in our schools and colleges in order to counteract the utter ignorance of most people concerning the mental capacity and imaginative conceptions of our native Americans.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F



March 17, 1931

Mr. H. P. Gower, Manager  
Amargosa Hotel  
Death Valley, Calif.

My dear Mr. Gower:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. in reply to my inquiry in regard to the cost per day of an automobile and driver.

The price you quote, \$35. per day, is worse than prohibitive. Obviously, I did not give you sufficient information. What I want is some means of reaching one or two rancherias or camps of Indians. I want to visit them reasonably early in the morning, spend the day with them, and return in the evening. If the distance is not too great, I would prefer to drive the car myself.

It is now forty years since I made a Biological Survey of the Death Valley, Panamint Valley, and Amargosa region and I am anxious to return to obtain more data.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:F

Are any Panamint Indians available in your neighborhood? I refer to the tribe who 40 years ago had small rancherias at mouth of Cottonwood Creek in Mesquite Val. (NW corner of) Hot Spgs. Panamint Val. & mouth of Cottonwood Creek. I have hoped that some of the few survivors might be nearby at your place or at Furnace Creek.

March 17, 1931

Mrs. C. A. Block  
The American Anthropological Assn.  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Block:

Thanks for your note of the 11th inst.

No, I did not order any reprints of the Henshaw letter, but inasmuch as it has always been the custom of the 'Anthropologist' to send the author twenty-five copies of odds and ends, such as notes, abstracts, and reviews, I had assumed that I would receive this number, but not a single copy has reached me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:F



March 17, 1931

Dr. Ralph H. Cheney  
300 Pearl Street  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Cheney:

Many thanks for your interesting publication on the distribution of plant arrow poisons, which I have scanned with much interest.

In California I have not come across any Indians using plant poisons. Most of the tribes use rattlesnake venom or decomposing liver, or a mixture of both.

It is fine to have such definite information as you have given concerning the plant poisons.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F

March 17, 1931

Dr. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of Reclamation  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Mead:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending out copies of the February issue of 'New Reclamation Era' to the persons indicated in my letter.

This material on the Boulder Dam certainly contains a very large amount of useful information not elsewhere readily available.

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CHM:F

Retake of Preceding Frame



March 18, 1931

Dr. Chansu McAmicus Shih  
College of Science  
Sun Yatsen University  
Canton, China

Dear Doctor Shih:

This morning I have had the pleasure of receiving through the Smithsonian Institution four more of your very important papers on the mammals of several provinces of China.

Your papers covering the occurrence and distribution of mammals in previously unknown or little known parts of China are a most important contribution to knowledge and I appreciate your courtesy in sending me copies.

With best wishes for the continuance of your labors in this immense and little known region,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F



March 24, 1931

Mr. C. E. Eddy  
Alturas, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 7, would say that in compliance with your request I have obtained the bills asked for, namely, the so-called Swing-Johnson bill as it was introduced separately in the House by Mr. Swing, and in the Senate by Mr. Johnson, and in both years 1929 and 1930; also duplicates of H. R. 7565 and H. R. 9766.

The complete set sent by this mail comprises:

S. 2669  
S. 3581 (as introduced on January 6, 1930, and  
as referred to the Committee on Indian  
Affairs May 26, 1930)  
H. R. 7565  
H. R. 7990  
H. R. 9766  
Calendar No. 447 (authorizing arrangement with  
States for education and relief of Indians,  
being Mr. La Follette's report from the  
Committee on Indian Affairs dated April  
17, 1930)

I am enclosing also a copy of the Act authorizing the Attorney General of California to bring suit in the Court of Claims on behalf of the Indians of California and entitled, 'Public--No. 423--70th Congress (H.R. 491)'.

I do not know of any bill that refers directly to the Pit River Indians.

You asked for the map showing the tribal boundaries

C. E. E.

of the Pit River people. The Government has not published any such map but in 1926 I published a map of the Pit River tribes, of which I am enclosing several copies herewith.

There is no charge for any of these things.

Some time ago I was sorry to learn of the death of Jack Williams but I am glad to know that Charlie Green is well.

I had hoped to visit your country before this but have not been able to get there. I may possibly go up there during the coming summer but am not sure. You probably know that I am an old man and not in very good health, so that I cannot run about as much as I used to.

With best wishes to all your people,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F



March 24, 1931

Mr. O. F. Moeser, Vice Pres. & Secy.  
The New York Recording Laboratories  
Port Washington, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Acting on your suggestion of the 20th inst., I am sending you by express prepaid two of the damaged cylinders previously referred to, in order to permit of the experimental reproduction to which you refer.

One of these is only cracked and I am hoping that it may possibly be reproduced.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam* -

CHM:F

March 24, 1931

Miss Kathryn Ronan, Manager  
Furnace Creek Inn  
Death Valley, Calif.

My dear Miss Ronan:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th inst. I am hoping to go to the Valley about the middle of April and may take Mrs. Merriam with me.

If I said "thirty years" in my last letter, it was a slip of the machine as it is forty years since I conducted a Biological Survey in that region, with headquarters at Greenland Ranch.

By same mail I am sending you a copy of my map of the region.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam* -

CHM:F



March 24, 1931

Mr. W. C. Mendenhall, Director  
United States Geological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

In the near future I am expecting to visit Death Valley and surrounding region and to work also in the Tejon and Kern River regions and parts of the Mohave Desert.

I have map sheets of most of the areas but shall be greatly obliged if you can send me for field use those enumerated below.

Ballarat  
Furnace Creek  
Las Vegas  
Searles Lake

Santa Ynez  
Mt. Pinos  
Tejon  
Elizabeth Lake  
McKittrick  
Buena Vista Lake  
Caliente  
Mohave  
Kernville

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F

*(also sent for by phone  
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March 24, 1931

Mr. C. O. Durham  
Durham Motors  
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Durham:

Replying to your letter of the 12th inst., would say that I had not considered parting with my Dodge sedan during the coming season. I had a new clutch and some new engine parts put in last summer so that it should be good for a long road this year.

As to the Auburn models, the only car put out this year is much too large for my kind of work.

I am expecting to return to California within a month and shall be obliged if you will see that the car is in proper condition for the road as usual.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:F



March 28, 1931

Publisher  
Science  
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Kindly change my mailing address for 'Science' and 'The Scientific Monthly' beginning with the next issue, from 1919 16th Street, Washington, to Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif., returning to the old address with the October issue.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

CHM:F

*Similar letters to:*

Nat. Geographic Magazine

Nature Magazine

Am. Forests

Literary Digest

Outdoor Life



March 28, 1931

Shell Oil Co  
1100 Court Square  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for \$32.16 in payment  
for 402 gallons Fuel Oil delivered in two dumpings of  
201 each on March 11 and March 24 instant.

Please send receipt.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Thurman*



March 30, 1931

Mr N. W. Dorsey  
Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

My stenographer-secretary, Miss Dorothy Grover, who for some time past has been in Garfield Hospital, following an operation on her neck, leaves my service tomorrow, March 31.

Kindly send check for her March salary to her home address, 1442 Belmont Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 30, 1931

Miss Dorothy Grover  
Garfield Hospital

Dear Miss Grover:

Sorry we missed you last time Mrs Merriam and I called--you were asleep. We expected to call again but your nurse phoned us that the Doctor's orders were that you were not to be disturbed.

Mrs M and I are packing to go to California, expecting to start in a few days and not to return before November.

I have arranged with Mr Dorsey to carry your salary to the end of the present month.

Hoping you are near the end of your suffering and that you will have a good summer,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -







March 31, 1931

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my account under Harriman Fund  
for the month of March, amounting to \$52.89, and  
voucher for Mrs Edith N. Fimple, stenographer for  
same period, \$150. which kindly pay from Harriman  
Fund as usual.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street

Expense Account for Month March 1931

March 6	R. V. Coleman, Ancient Civilization of the Andes	1	7	50
11	Am. Folk-Lore Soc., Memoir Sub. for 1931	2	6	50
14	Reclamation Service, Copies Reclamation Era	3	1	00
16	Arthur H. Allen, 4 photostats of maps	4	7	00
24	" " " 5 " " map	5	1	75
27	" " " 6 " " "	6	2	10
	Expressage to Wisconsin			48
	Postage and stamped envelopes		2	41
	Bus and street car fares, self and Assistant		1	00
	Cleaning office rooms		3	50
	Washing office windows		1	20
	Gas, Feb 17-Mar 20	1/3	\$7.62	\$2.54
	Electric Current Feb 14-Mar 17	1/3	8.06	2.68
	Phone Mar 6-Apr 5	1/3	5.75	1.91
	Shell Oil Co: 402 gals fuel oil @ 8cts	1/3	32.16	10.72
			10	72
			52	29

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April 1, 1931

Mr. P. Gahan, Postmaster  
Lagunitas, Calif.

My dear Sir:

From date of receipt of this letter, please do not forward anymore of the Merriam mail to Washington but hold until our arrival.

Mrs. Merriam and I will leave in a few days but are expecting to do some work in Southern California, so that I cannot say just when we shall arrive, but probably not before the end of April.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. H. H.

CHM:F







April 6, 1931

Cashier  
Crocker First National Bank  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the  
National Metropolitan Bank of this city, for  
Six hundred dollars, which kindly deposit to the  
credit of my account, and oblige,

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*

April 6, 1931

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

On Thursday of this week I expect to  
leave Washington for California for my seasons field  
work. I shall be obliged therefore if you will advance  
me the usual five hundred dollars toward field expenses.

First, I am going direct to Death Valley  
to try to complete work with the next-to unknown Panamint  
Indians--whom I visited forty years ago when making a  
Biological Survey of the Death Valley region. It will  
be a very expensive trip, but is a case of now or never.

The Manager of the Amargosa Hotel writes  
me that he can furnish a car and driver for 35 dollars per  
day. So I have arranged with a man in Nevada to drive  
down to meet me on telegraphic instructions.

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*



April 5, 1931

Superintendent Documents  
Govt. Printing Office  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is one one-dollar bill, for which  
please send me four copies of Smithsonian Bulletin 97,  
entitled The Kamia of Imperial Valley, by E.W. Gifford.

Kindly send 2 copies to me at 1919 16th Street,  
Washington, D.C.; and 2 to me at Lagunitas, Marin Co.,  
California, and oblige.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 6, 1931

Allen's Press Clipping Bureau  
Commercial Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Please send no more clippings to Washington until next Fall. I am leaving for California this week but do not expect to reach Lagunitas before the end of April, after which I shall be glad to receive clippings there as usual.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. ...*

CHM:F



April 7, 1931

Mr. Claude Mills  
Fallon, Nevada

My dear Mr. Mills:

Thanks for your letter of the 23rd inst. I have deferred replying because of uncertainties as to dates. I am leaving here day after tomorrow for Death Valley, where I expect to arrive April 14. I am going there for the purpose of working with the Panamint Indians and do not know how long it will be necessary to remain. However I expect to be there a week or ten days and will then wire you at Fallon telling you where and when to meet me.

I strongly suspect that I shall want you to meet me at Lone Pine, Keeler, or Mohave, but cannot now say which.

Don't drive too fast. Take at least two full days for the trip.

With kind regards to your sister,

Very truly yours,

C. K. 

CHM:F



April 6, 1931

Mr. N. W. Dorsay, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsay:

Herewith is my expense account, April 1 to 9,  
amounting to \$252.74, and voucher for Mrs. Fimple,  
stenographer, salary April 1 to 8, inclusive, <sup>\$40.00,</sup> which I  
shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from  
the Harriman fund.

If my check will be ready tonight or tomorrow  
morning, I will call for it in person.

Very truly yours,

CHM:F

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account April 1 to 9, 1931

April 1-9	R. R. Fare, Washington-San Francisco and return	191	21
"	Pullman, Washington to Ludlow, Calif. (self and Mrs. Merriam), 1 drawing room	53	25
"	Baggage out.		75
"	Express charges to Oakland, Calif.		71
"	Postage to date		62
"	Four taxi fares April 7 and 8 (in rain)	1	40
"	Cleaning office rooms to April 9 and covering files and cases for summer	3	50
"	Bus and street car fares to April 9	1	30

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C. Hart Merriam



April 8, 1931

Prof. F. F. Latta  
Tulare, Calif.

My dear Professor Latta:

Your letter of April 2 reaches me just as I am starting for California, so I will send a hasty acknowledgment.

It is good to know that you are so far advanced in preparing your series of papers on the history of San Joaquin Valley. I shall be very glad to receive those relating to the archeology and the Indian tribes of the Valley, and if you will kindly arrange to have the papers containing these sent to me at Lagunitas, with bill for same, I shall be very glad to send my check.

Replying to your inquiry about Pahmit, would say that he impressed me as reliable. You have seen much more of him than have I.

In regard to the name Kahwatchwah which he applied to certain Indians, must say that I do not find it on my Yokut tribe list, and am wondering if it could be the same as Kah-wa-ya-ye, a tribe given as at Redlands and Venice Hill and probably south to Kaweah Station.

In respect to Major Savage, I suspect that you have been misled as to the facts. My opinion of him is based on his brutal treatment of old Chief Tenaya and his band, his

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F. F. L.

burning of the acorn caches in Yosemite Valley, and his notorious overbearing treatment of Indians. I have no respect for that kind of a man.

I am planning to do some work with Indians in the desert regions of Southeastern California but expect to arrive in Lagunitas early in May.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*

CHM:F



April 8, 1931

Mr. Fred Lockley  
1243 E. Stark Street  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Lockley:

Your list No. 125 arrived this morning. In it you advertise 'Marcus Willson, American History with Sketches of Indian Tribes, and so on, Cincinnati, 1847, \$3.25.

If not sold, please send with bill addressed to my summer base at Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif., where I shall arrive about the first week of May. I am leaving tomorrow but expect to do some work in Southern California before going to Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,  
*C. H. Merriam*

CHM:F

April 8, 1931

Mrs. George H. Taylor  
1116 Mandana Blvd.  
Oakland, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Taylor:

At last I have received disc reproductions of two of the Indian songs. These were transferred to the disc records by the New York Recording Laboratories, at Port Washington, Wis. I have shipped them to you by express just as they came to me.

It is painful to realize that they are failures--as they give neither the words nor the voice of the singer. The light knock you will observe at regular intervals is the result of a slight crack in the original cylinder. I fear the original records have deteriorated so that they are not susceptible of satisfactory reproduction. However, I shall probably try again on my return from California next Fall.

Mrs. Merriam and I are leaving Washington tomorrow and expect to reach Lagunitas early in May. We shall hope to see you at some time during the season.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kindest regards to yourself and Mary.

Very truly yours,  
*C. H. Merriam*

CHM:F



Wash DC  
April 8, 1931

Mr. O. E. Moeser, Vice President  
The New York Recording Laboratories  
Port Washington, Wis.

My dear Mr. Moeser:

Your letter of April 3 is at hand, together with the reproductions of the cylinders of Indian songs. I regret to find that they fail to reproduce the words or even the voice--as I had feared--so it will not be worthwhile to do the others.

I am leaving for California tomorrow and expect to reach my summer base about the first of May. If you will kindly send your bill addressed to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, <sup>Calif.</sup> I will attend to it at once.

Very truly yours,  
*C. H. H. H.*

CHM:F

Lagunitas, Calif.

April 30, 1931

Mr Fred A. Schaefer  
Manager Winnebago Hotel  
Independence, Calif.

My dear Mr Schaefer:

Many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in finding and sending the little memorandum book I lost at your pleasant hotel. It came all right and was in the postoffice when I arrived. But you should not have returned the change. You are too generous.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the period from April 10 to April 30 inclusive, amounting to \$325.97, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund as usual.

This covers my recent work with Indians in Death Valley, Amargosa Desert, Ash Meadows, Olancho, and Owens Valley. The heat in Death Valley pressed so hard on my head that I felt obliged to leave earlier than intended.

I left Coville in Death Valley. It was good to be with him there again--even for a very short time--just forty years after he and I did our first work in Death Valley together.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

May 1, 1931

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense Account April 10-30 incl.

Apr. 10-12 incl. Meals, Dining Car, Washn-Calif @ \$4.50 (3 days)	13 50
13 Bkfst & lunch on Diner	2 50
Train Porter	1 50
RR fare, Ludlow-Amargosa (return ticket) Tonopah & T RR	10 00
Bus fare, Amargosa to Death Valley	4 00
13-17 Furnace Creek Inn, Death Valley	53 74
17-18 Pd Indians at Ash Meadows	4 00
18-19 Amargosa Hotel, self and Asst (Claude Mills)	21 50
19 Darwin, Calif. Lunch self & asst 1.75; 2 Indians 1.50	3 25
Olancho, Calif. Pd 2 Indians	1 50
20 " " Pd several Indians (Vocab. work)	4 00
" " Hotel bill, self and asst (O. Mills)	5 50
20-21 Independence, Calif. Pd Indian	1 00
21 " " Hotel Winnemumah, self & asst	4 00
21 Car & asst. Claude Mills, April 16-22 (incl gas for car)	80 00
21 5 rolls film 1.25; din & sup self & asst 2.50	3 25
21 Pacific Greyhound Bus fare, Independence to Los Angeles	11 00
21 Los Angeles: Taxis	2 50
22 Hotel Lee, Lodging	2 00
22 Taxis & Street cars 1.75; meals 3.50	5 25
Compartment, Los Angeles-San Francisco, \$12.75 self & wife	6 37
Baggage and storage, Los Angeles	3 25
23 San Francisco: Street cars .20; meals 3.50	3 20
" " - Lagunitas (ret) 1.20; meals 2.00	3 20
San Anselmo: Durham Motors. Car storage over winter	31 30
AAA Calif Car License, 1931	3 50
Meals	2 50
25 Sausalito-San Francisco, ret .25; meals 2.50; St cars 30	3 05
27 " " 25 meals 2.50 " " 20	2 95
6 months subscription S.F. Chronicle	6 00
28 S.F. Hotel Stewart, Room	3 00
10 gals gas 1.30; car storage 50; meals 2.80	4 60
29 San Anselmo: Expressage & Insurance on MSS, Maps, and Vocabularies from Washington, D.C. (shipped through Fidelity Storage Co., Washington)	20 75
Meals	1 50

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May 4, 1931

Tonopah & Tidewater RR Co.  
Ludlow, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

If there is any rebate on the enclosed  
unused part of a return ticket from Ludlow to Death Valley  
Junction, I should be glad to hear from you.

I drove out from Death Valley to Darwin and  
Olancho.

Very truly yours,



May 18th 1931

Mr. Clinton V. MacCoy  
Museum of Comparative Zoology  
Cambridge Massachusetts

Dear Mr. MacCoy:

Your letter of the 9th inst. reached me soon after my return from a bit of field work in Death Valley - just forty years since my original Biological Survey of that region.

In regard to the location of Moa Ave I remember the place very well. It was the home of John Lee, one of the leaders of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.

The place is at the west base of Echo Cliffs facing a northward extension of the Painted Desert a few miles east of the Colorado River, north of the mouth of the Little Colorado River.

There was never any settlement and I do not suppose anyone lives there now.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

May 18-1931

Dr. F. W. Hodge  
Heye Museum Am Indian  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Hodge:

Your letter of April 13 was written the day I reached Death Valley, where I renewed acquaintance with the Panamint Indians whom I first met forty years ago while in charge of the Death Valley Expedition.

Recently I have been obtaining supplemental material from the Panamint, Pakwasitch, and Nuvahandit tribes all of Shoshonian stock, and have now returned to my summer headquarters at Lagunitas, California--- hence you will pardon my delay in replying.

As my Washington house is closed for the summer and as printed matter is not forwarded I have no means of obtaining our reprints on Henshaw until my return in the fall. Sorry, but it cannot be helped. I will attend to it promptly on my return. If the printers of the Anthropologist were not so horribly late in sending separates they would have reached me long before my departure.

With regrets and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



May 18, 1931

Superintendent of Trees and Parking  
Engineer Department  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th inst. telling me that the decayed tulip tree in the parking in front of my house (1919 Sixteenth Street) and a diseased maple on the Caroline Street side of the house will be removed.

It will be a relief to know that this will be done. I am away from Washington so many months of each year that I have feared the possible breaking of windows by the falling of these trees during severe storms.

Very truly yours



May 19, 1931

New York Recording Laboratories  
Ft. Washington, Wisconsin

Attention Mr. A. C. Laibly

My dear Sir:

Your letter informing me that you were not making a charge for the record of Indian music received before my departure from Washington has been forwarded to me here.

My delay in replying is due to the fact that I have been engaged in field work in Death Valley, Panamint Valley, Amargosa Desert and other localities in eastern California and southern Nevada.

My Washington house is closed for the summer and therefore I am unable to send the additional cylinder you so kindly offer to experiment with. I shall be glad to do this on my return in the fall. I appreciate your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours  
*C. Hart*

May 19, 1931

Miss Ida G. Wilson  
Secretary Board of Trustees  
Museum Northern Arizona  
Flagstaff, Arizona

Dear Miss Wilson:

Thanks for your notification that on April 27th I was elected a corresponding member of the northern Arizona Society of Science and Art.

Kindly convey to your Board of Trustees my appreciation of the honor.

The publications of your Museum contain material of much interest to those of us who have done original field work in the northern part of the state, and have put on record information of value to many of us.

With best wishes for your continued success,

Very truly yours  
*C. Hart*



May 25, 1931

Mrs Mary Scott  
Ash Meadows  
Death Valley Jn.

It is now more than a month since I visited you at your home in Ash Meadows, and you allowed me to take a photograph of you and the children.

The pictures have just come back from the printer and I am sending copies to you in the same envelope with this letter. I hope you will like them.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Smith*

May 24, 1931

Mrs Nellie Molly  
Furnace Creek Ranch, Calif.

At last I am sending you the photographs of yourself and others which I took while in Death Valley a month or more ago. I hope you will like them. I think they are very good.

The small prints of yourself did not come back from the printer, but I will have more made and send them to you later.

Please give the other prints to the people to whom they belong.

I was very sorry to leave the Valley without getting pictures of the others at the Ranch, but a man came for me in his car and I had to go.

Maybe I will have better luck next spring.

With kind regards to you all,

Very truly,

*C. H. Smith*



May 25, 1931

Mr George Gregory  
Olancho, California

My dear Sir:

Herewith are copies of the photographs I took of you and your family on April 20. I think they are very good and hope you will like them.

I was sorry to have such a short time with you and hope to have better luck another time, as I know you can tell me many things I want to know.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours

*C. Hunt Harrison*

May 25, 1931

Mrs Addie Hanson  
Olancho, Calif.

At last I have recieved prints of the photographs I took of you and others of your good people at Olancho a month or so ago. I hope you will like them as much as I do. I think they are fine.

Also, I want to thank you for giving me so much information while with you, and for introducing me to the other good people at your Olancho settlement. I hope to visit you again next fall or spring.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hunt Harrison*



May 25, 1931

Miss Rosa Nobles  
Darwin, California

With this I am sending you the photograph I took of you when passing through Darwin on April 19, and also the others. Please give the others to the people to whom they belong.

I hope you will like the pictures. I think they are very good.

Very truly,

*C. Hart*



May 31, 1931

Prof F.F.Latta:  
Tulare, Calif.

My dear Prof. Latta:

Thanks for your letter of May 25, with your manuscript on Yokut Archeology. You certainly have done a big piece of work in getting all this material together and writing it out.

I'm too far behindhand in my own work to give the time necessary for careful reading--as I have some thousands of pages of unfinished manuscript on hand and have passed my 76th birthday--but nevertheless have scanned your work with great interest.

As you ask for criticism, I will jot down a few points that caught my eye: First of all, the matter of credits and references. These are conspicuous by reason of ABSENCE. You don't distinguish borrowed material from your own original contributions. There would seem to be no excuse for this. You have much to say about Perforated Stones, but fail to mention Henshaw's publication entitled Perforated Stones from California. Similarly in other cases, as Sinkers, Plumets, and so on, not to mention the rather recent paper on Yokuts Pottery and stone dishes (issued by U.C.).

There are two reasons for mentioning authorities: 1, to protect yourself from criticism; 2, to receive credit for your own original work.

To change the subject: Just what do you mean by the first statement in the chapter on EARLY WEST SIDE VILLAGES?

You use the term TEPE or Tepee) in a sense unfamiliar to me. The skin lodges of the Plains and Eastern tribes are Tepees.

F.F. Latta 2

You speak of ancient Tepees 65 feet in diameter!

In another place you refer to certain aboriginal structures as "MAGNIFICENT DWELLINGS". I fail to understand.

You mention certain mounds as "thrown up by water". How?

You refer to Yokuts as "migrants" or "immigrants". Are they more so than all the aboriginal inhabitants of America?

If I remember correctly you speak of the age of the oldest artifacts and burials in San Joaquin Valley as only 300 Or 400 years old. Why not add a few ciphers if you insist on guessing?

Why attribute the Delta Region to Yokuts? Have you any evidence that Yokuts ever reached this part of California?

Why apply the new and misleading term "sandpaper stones" to the wellknown "arrow straighteners", "arrow polishers" or "arrow rubbers"?

In revising the manuscript, lookout for the expression "all kinds". All covers much territory. Didn't you really mean various kinds?

The most terrifying thing I came across in the manuscript is the statement that I (Merriam) furnished a certain map, and that I said certain things about some other map. What do you mean by this? Please never wish statements on me unless you refer to volume and page.

Passing details, I'm deeply impressed by the immense amount of valuable material you have gathered--and on a subject few people know anything about.

I am returning the manuscript herewith.

Very truly yours,



June 1, 1931

Mr N.W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Am enclosing my expense account for the month  
of May amounting to fifty three dollars, and also  
account of the Schwabacher-Frey Co for photographic work  
during the same period. <sup>264.70</sup> kindly pay these from the  
Harriman Fund, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

Expense account for May 1931

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May 4	Developing & prtg 3 rolls Leica film	1	1 40
4-5	Sausalito-San Fran Ferry (ret) 25; car over night 50		75
	Twine & wrapping paper 40; ink 30; Street cars 60		1 30
	50 stamp envelopes 1.10; Alameda Ferry (ret) 42		1 52
	Schwabacher-Frey, Develop & prtg photos	2	4 02
	Meals 2.50; greasing car 1.25; 9 gals Super gas 1.26		5 01
9	Sankafael: 2 gals Penn oil 2.80; 8 gals Super gas 1.12	3	3 92
10-11	Sausalito Ferry 25; car over night 50		75
	Street cars 45; Meals (2 days) 5.00		5 45
	Pickwick Hotel, San Francisco (room & phone)	4	2 80
16	Sausalito Ferry 25; car storage 35; Street cars 20		80
	Lunch 80; 5 gals gas @ 12, 60;		1 40
20	Sausalito Ferry 25; Street cars 30; car storage 35		90
	Meals 1.40; Engine oil changed (6qts) 1.50		2 90
22	Sausalito Ferry 25; car storage 35; supper 1.00		1 60
	6 packages manila envelopes for photos	5	1 20
26	9 gals gas (Shell 400) 90; postage 74		1 64
27	Sparrow Bros. Work on Battery and Car	6	2 25
29	Folklore for 1931-32, 4.00; 40 vol index 3.50		7 50
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June 15, 1931

Dear Mr Widmann:

Many years have rolled by since you and I and a few others enjoyed together a tramp over beautiful Mount Tamalpais--a mountain now happily preserved as one of the choice State Parks of California.

On the day in question we had to move too fast to see many birds--for the way was long and steep--but nevertheless the beauty of the forest and the companionship of others of like interests gave us something that I'm sure all of us have treasured these many years.

The passage of time has erased from memory hundreds of more recent events, but as I look back on that day, pictures of yourself and Mrs Widmann, of Dr Dwight and one or two others come vividly to mind.

Since those days the science of technical ornithology in the hands of a new generation has not only multiplied the number of described forms but--still worse--has changed so many names that we old folks find it hard to recognize many of our old friends.

You have lived an interesting and useful life--kindly, sympathetic, and helpful to many--and in your spare hours have learned much of the intimate life of the fauna and flora of the lower Mississippi Valley. This must be a great joy.

with congratulations and personal regards,  
Very truly yours,



June 13, 1931

Dr Franz Boas, Chairman  
Section Anthropology  
National Academy Sciences

Dear Dr Boas:

Thanks for your letter of June 9, with inclosures.  
I quite agree in making the vote for Swanton unanimous, and  
shall be obliged if you will record my vote accordingly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



June 13, 1931  
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Dear Mr. Williams,  
Dr. Evans, Chairman  
Section Anthropology  
National Academy of Sciences  
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Very truly yours,  
C. H. Merriam

June 18, 1931

Miss Eva C. Ruff, in charge  
Membership Dept. A.A.A.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Ruff:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th instant  
with enclosed Personal Injury Policy, which I find on  
returning from a field trip.

This reminds me that I'm not sure that I've  
paid the Washington AAA dues for current year and so  
am enclosing check for \$12. which kindly return if paid.

For more than two months I've <sup>been</sup> working in  
California and Nevada, under my California AAA license,  
and expect to continue field work in this State for  
about five months longer.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

*See return to \$12, as I had paid it already.*



June 23, 1931

Mr Walter Knickerbocker  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr Knickerbocker:

Returning from recent fieldwork I found your letter of the 4th inst with renewal of automobile policy for the old Dodge car. I have disposed of this car and have purchased a new Ford, which I have had insured by the California A.A.A. and therefore am returning renewal blank herewith.

In the near future I intend to call at your office to inquire about the Hartford Accident and Indemnity policy.

Please accept thanks for the attractive document pocket which was delivered to me at the postoffice on my return from Death Valley.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Knickerbocker



June 25, 1931

Dear Miss Biddlecome:

Replying to your letter without date from Flagstaff, Arizona, would say that here in California I lack the data necessary for filling the blanks you sent me.

Most of the needed information you can find in WHO'S WHO, and all of it in the Merriam Genealogy. If neither of these is accessible you might, by writing immediately, get the information from my sister, Mrs Florence Merriam Bailey, 1834 Kalorama Road, Washington.

I congratulate you on being located for a time in so fascinating a region as the San Francisco Mountain and Grand Canyon country--perhaps the most interesting and instructive center in America.

Very truly yours,

Miss Couaut Merriam Biddlecome  
59 Summit St., Flagstaff, Arizona



June 25, 1931.

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

For the past year or two my old Dodge car has been getting so old and has cost so much to keep in oil and repair that the necessity for a change became increasingly inevitable.

About ten days ago while on the way to work with Wintoon Indians on McCloud River in northern California we were caught in a rain on a slippery down-grade road. I had just given the wheel to my assistant and was sitting on the back seat. Turning slightly to avoid an oncoming car, our car skidded backward against the bank and overturned. We three were pitched heads down and not only could'nt get out, but could'nt even get our heads off the down side. Mrs Merriam's back was hurt and one leg cut so that she bled profusely and the wound is not yet healed. My back was hurt and my forehead cut.

People in passing cars gathered until enough men were there to climb up and open the doors (then on top) and gradually turn us right side up and haul us up and out. Fortunately, Mrs Merriam (who was jammed under the steering post) reached up one hand and turned off the gas--so we were not roasted alive.

One of the men drove to Arbuckle and sent a wrecking car, which hauled us in and made emergency repairs--the A.A.A. footing the bill.

Dorsey 2

This was not our first upset. You may remember that three years ago I ran off a steep bank, pitched head down for fifty or sixty feet and rolled over down the rest of the way; was picked up by a traffic officer and taken to a hospital--and so on--but am still very much alive.

In view of all this--and many other incidents not worth mentioning--the time seems to have arrived for shifting to a more modern car. So, as you will see from the enclosed bill, I have purchased a new Ford Sedan which with equipment costs \$843.00, less \$100 allowance for the old Dodge, making the net bill \$743. I will be obliged if you will kindly pay this direct to the Tamalpais Motor Sales at Mill Valley, Calif.

Thus far this year, including the Death Valley trip, I've driven nearly three thousand miles.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



June 25, 1931

Dear Mrs Harriman:

Your telegram was a great surprise for as I wired you I have heard nothing to indicate that I am open to congratulations.

On the way west in April I spent some time in Death Valley and adjacent deserts, working with the remnants of the little known Panamint Indians, and refreshing memory of events of forty years ago when I spent months in a Biological Survey of the Death Valley region.

Then came on to our summer base at Lagunitas, from which we are making the usual field trips to complete the work in various parts of the State.

Last week we had a bit of hard luck. We were driving north in our old Dodge car on the way to the Wintoon Indians on the McCloud and upper Trinity rivers. Rain caught us on a slippery down-grade. Turning a little to avoid an oncoming car we skidded and overturned and were jammed against the windows on the down side. Mrs Merriam had the presence of mind to reach up and turn off the gas--so we were saved from burning alive.

Passing autoists came to the rescue, climbed up on the car, opened the doors on the (then) up side and finally succeeded in hauling us up and out. Mrs M. was badly cut on the leg and I on the head, and both had our backs injured, but

not seriously. We were hauled a few miles to a garage, had oil and water compartments refilled, and drove on to Redding. Here we were delayed by a bad storm--over two and a half inches of rain falling.

Next day we continued to McCloud River and worked with the Wintoon, but had to abandon the Clear Creek and upper Trinity country for the time being because of floods and impassable roads. Will go there later on.

Since returning to Lagunitas I have purchased a new Ford, trading the old Dodge in part payment. So hereafter we shall have a much more modern and safer car for field work.

In photographing Indians and the country they live in I've been having excellent results with a small but high-grade camera--the Leica. It carries a roll of 36 film exposures that may be enlarged to desired size. In Death Valley and neighboring deserts I succeeded in getting photographs of remnants of three tribes that are approaching extinction. Also obtained vocabularies of one to two thousand words of each dialect in addition to geographic names and the names of mammals, birds, reptiles, insects and plants.

We often speak of you and Mr Harriman and others of your family--particularly Mary and Cornelia, whom we knew best. And, as I'm sure you know, I'm unspeakably thankful for your kind and generous appreciation of my effort to secure and preserve the geographic and animal names and the languages of the rapidly disappearing peoples of this great state. In the not very distant future this material will be highly valued.



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Lagunitas, Calif.  
July 2, 1931

Dear Chapman:

Thanks for your kind letter of June 25.

You are a dear friend to offer to help me in this Roosevelt medal affair. If I ever needed help, I do now!

I've not yet answered Hagedorn's letter announcing the fact that I'd been awarded a medal and stating that Judge Cardoza and Hamlin Garland had been awarded the two others. He said I'd have to be present in person, but omitted mention of an expected talk.

No one seems to realize that I'm an old man (practically 76) and a diabetic.

While I still drive a car and do field work with Indians, I'm by no means the man I was, and in the late afternoon often peg out. Evenings, as a rule, I'm no good, and often listen to the radio or read nonsense-or both!

How can I meet a lot of people in the evg. and give an address before an intelligent audience?

What shall I do?

Your kindly advice will be most welcome.

A few days ago our car upset on a slippery down grade in the rain, dumping us head-down against the windows on the (then) down side, cutting Elizabeth's head and my forehead.

I've just bought a new Ford, trading in the old Dodge as part payment.

Elizabeth joins in love to your good wife and your good self.  
As ever yours



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July 2, 1931

Cashier  
Crocker First Nat. Bank  
San Francisco

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to ask the proper person  
in your Bank to do me the favor of filling out the data  
asked for on the enclosed list of securities? They are  
demanded for my Tax Return, District of Columbia, which  
has to be filed this month.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. ...*  
*August 1, 1931*



July 2, 1931

Dear Dr LaGorce:

Your very complimentary letter of congratulations on the Roosevelt Medal award is before me and is appreciated. At the same time I cannot help feeling that you and I look upon such things in a different light.

My ambition is to get much more of the results of my life work in print for the benefit of future students. Medals, boquets, and fireworks are of course one means of expressing approval, but I must confess that I have never felt very enthusiastic about them.

However, I thank you for your kind words.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*  
Dr John Oliver LaGorce  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D.C.

July 2, 1931

Mr Hermann Hagedorn, Director  
Roosevelt Memorial Association  
18 East 20 Street, New York

My dear Mr Hagedorn:

Kindly pardon my delay in acknowledging your notification that I have been awarded a Roosevelt Medal for distinguished service in Natural History.

I have been engaged in field work in Death Valley and other parts of California in continuation of work begun more than forty years ago.

While deeply appreciative of the compliment the Trustees of the Roosevelt Memorial have paid me, it is proper to state that I am an old man (about 76) and not in very good health. For several years it has been necessary to decline evening lectures, dinners, and public utterances.

Under the circumstances will you not grant me the privilege of postponement of definite answer?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



July 3, 1931

Mr W C Henderson, Acting Chief,  
U.S. Biological Survey

Dear Mr Henderson:

Thanks for your kindly letter of congratulations  
in regard to the Roosevelt Medal.

While personally I am not addicted to medals or  
other fireworks, nevertheless words of appreciation from  
my successors in the Survey are gratifying.

I have not seen the Times notice you mention, but  
from the number of letters recieved the past few days,  
infer that the paper has a fairly generous patronage.

With best wishes to the Survey,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

July 3, 1931

Mr Geo. K. Leet  
U.S. Steel Corporation  
71 Broadway, New York

Dear Mr Leet:

Your kindly letter of June 25 in regard to  
the Roosevelt medal was not only a great surprise  
but also one that gave me much pleasure.

I am now an old man--close to 76--but nevertheless  
remember you very well; also, that I was sorry to lose  
you. Those were hard days--days of uphill work in the  
face of total lack of interest or support on the part  
of our political head. Nevertheless the Survey has  
not only survived but has grown beyond belief, and  
some of our early members, not excepting yourself, have  
made good in a way that is most gratifying to me.

And particularly, let me congratulate you on the  
high position you have attained in the business world.

My work has kept me so busy that I've not been in  
New York for a number of years, But if opportunity  
offers I shall be most happy to renew your acquaintance.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



July 9, 1931

Mr Edwin D. McKee  
Park Naturalist  
Grand Canyon, Arizona

Dear Mr McKee:

The June number of Grand Canyon Notes is at hand. I admire many of the illustrations. Some of your men are mighty clever at freehand sketching--wish I could do as well. Most of the cuts are well placed on the page but those of the bear's paw and the Spilogale interrupt the text in such a way that it is hard to read--try it and see.

Why does your botanical Miss Patraw prefer Latin to English? In other words, why say cacti when cactuses are meant? Does she say CAMPI when speaking of College grounds, or CIRCI when telling the girls that two circuses have come to town? Of course I'm aware that some writers have fallen into this UN-American habit, but why keep it up?

Ranger Collins makes out a strong case for his poor Bear. But why be so surprised? Forty one years ago, in my Biological Survey of San Francisco Mountain Region I recorded the Black Bear as "common throughout the boreal zones of the San Francisco mountain region"; and for the Grizzly quoted Woodhouse, Kennerly, Coles and Yarrow, and G. K. Gilbert (p 85).

Several months ago I called the attention of one of your men to the circumstance that some of the birds mentioned by him as new to the region (Feb no, G.C.N.N.) had been recorded by me 41 years previously.

You of course know that I'm not attempting to be critical, and I'm sure you agree that before publishing "additions to the Fauna of a region it is worth while to look up previous records--as a matter of self-protection.

I am assuming that your Grand Canyon Library has a copy of Fauna 3. If not, I'll try to dig one up for you on my return to Washington.

With kindest regards to Mrs McKee and yourself,

Very truly yours,

By the way: Vernon Bailey and my sister have just arrived at Fallon, Nevada. They expect to return by way of the Grand Canyon.



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July 10, 1931

Assessor, Board Personal  
Tax Assessors, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my Personal tax Return  
for the current year.

Very truly yours, July 1931

Postmaster  
Lodi, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Can you tell me whether or not there are  
any Indians on the Reservation created several  
years ago some 15 miles north of Lodi? If so  
I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman



July 16, 1931

Dear Lyman: Thanks for your letter of the 10th inst.

But I'm by no means thrilled by that Roosevelt Medal affair. In the first place I'm not addicted to decorations, and in the second place it means (if I accept) a trip to New York and an address on October 27--a time of year when I'm badly needed here for field work in the hot country where it's far too hot for work at present.

But just now there seems to be something far more important to write you about. A letter just read from Florence implies that she and Vernon are planning on taking the girls with them to visit Harry and Helen in Southern California. This is simply horrible and would nullify at least half of the advantage of their trip out here. What is there in it to interest the girls? What do they care about dumping themselves on distant relatives in a small cottage in an uninteresting land--land that previous to <sup>irrigation</sup> ~~irrigation~~ was a sort of barren rocky desert.

Besides, I know well enuf that the folks down there are in no shape to take care of them. It's all a huge mistake.

Elizabeth and I have counted on having the girls for at least a month and on taking them on various really worthwhile trips. And moreover, our country is in the redwood and madrone forest, is decidedly mountainous and beautiful, and delightfully cool, whereas the Twin Oaks country is not only dry, but in August HORRIBLY HOT.

Now your job--as a kind and wise father--is to sit right down and write Florence. Don't coat it with maple syrup but speak right out. Tell her the plain truth. Call her attention to the obvious fact that the girls after the Sierra trip will be tired and in need of rest, and that the finest and most restful place in America is LAGUNITAS. Also, hint in no unmistakable language that it's hard to understand why they should be punished by inflicting themselves on their poor relations in the fearfully hot semi-desert region of Southern California in August.

Also, ask her if she feels that the girls are such helpless babies that they can't travel alone? Of course it would be nice to visit the Grand Canyon with Vernon and Florence, but would this offset the joy and advantage of a good stay in the glorious mountains and picturesque valleys of the northern half of California? And really, why can't they see the Grand Canyon by themselves? The train takes them right to the rim and there's plenty to eat and a good place to sleep when they get there.

Sorry C.C. is in the shade. I'll write him at once and try to brace him up a bit.

Elizabeth joins in best love to Dillie and her OLD MAN.

Yours as ever,

*Harriet*

Florence's address is  
Care John S. Mills  
Fallon, Nevada



July 17, 1931

Miss Alma Wilken  
512 Ashbury Street  
San Francisco

Dear Miss Wilken:

Please take the 8.15 train from Ferry Building  
to Lagunitas, where I will meet you at 10 o'clock.A.M.

Better get a Round trip ticket.

The arrangement as I understand it is that for  
temporary work I am to pay you five dollars per day; for  
monthly work, one hundred dollars per month.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. H. H. H. H.*



July 20, 1931

My dear Mrs Harriman:

Thanks for your kind letter and for the Times clipping. I had not seen it.

Yes, after your telegram I recieved the 'official' notification of the award, followed by letters of congratulation--and these still keep coming.

Medals and other 'decorations' have never appealed to me; nevertheless I'm always glad to see the value of the study of Natural History recognized--particularly by so prominent a body of public men.

Naturalists of the 'old school' are very scarce nowadays. I refer to those who study wild animals and plants in their natural surroundings and try to find out the laws that govern their dispersal. Such men are now replaced in the main by a group of ultra-specialists -- men who spend their lives bent over the eyepiece of a microscope, or in a chemical laboratory, engrossed in the behavior of a drop of protoplasm or in the bio-chemistry of the enzymes.

These men have made and are still making valuable contributions to knowledge--and in some cases to the welfare of mankind--but, they are Not naturalists. I hold that there is abundant room and need for both.

As ever, gratefully yours,

C. Hart

Mrs E. H. Harriman  
Arden, New York



July 23, 1931

Dr. Frank M. Chapman  
American Museum Natural History  
New York City

Dear Chapman:

Again you place me under obligations.  
I am very thankful both for your letter and for the draft  
of your own address which is most helpful, and which I  
will return in a few days.

Being so far away from my journals, copy  
books and file of Roosevelt letters, I don't see how I can  
complete the expected address until after my return to  
Washington. My memory is not so good as it was some years  
ago and means of refreshing it are not at hand.

No, I do not bear a "charmed life", but I  
am willing to admit that I am hard to kill.

Wish you were here to enjoy our beautiful  
forests and to watch the Juncos and Oregon Pipilos feed-  
ing soon after daylight every morning from the top of the  
garage alongside my sleeping porch.

As every yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

*His address returned next day -  
July 24, 1931*

July 23, 1931

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Many thanks for your congratula-  
tions on the Roosevelt Medal award. Personally, I  
do not care for this sort of thing, but in this  
case it is pleasant to note that the award is a  
distinct recognition of the much neglected subject  
of General Natural History.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Secretary  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.



July 23, 1931

Dr. J. Grinnell  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Your kind letter of congratulations is the only one of a considerable number in which the nail has been hit squarely on the head. Were it not that this medal is a tribute to the science of Natural History, I should be inclined to let it go by -- for I have never yet accepted a purely honorary medal or degree (usually Ph.D.) awarded by any university.

The subject is a tedious one, but as I infer from your letter, you and I are among the few old school naturalists who are not ashamed of the term "Natural History" and who feel that this term expresses with sufficient exactness the kind of work a few of us still believe to be most worth while.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

July 23, 1931

Dr. J. Grinnell  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Sometime ago you asked me to let you know when my sister and Vernon Bailey would be in California. From latest letters, they expect to reach Lagunitas August 8 or 9 -- which date I believe to be premature for I don't believe they can get here before the 9th or 10th.

Hastily yours,



July 23, 1931

Mr. Prentice N. Gray, Editor  
Records North American Big Game  
183rd St. & Southern Blvd.  
Bronx, New York

My dear Mr. Gray:

Replying to your letter of June 27, asking me to write the article on Bears for Big Game Records, would say that if my interpretation of your letter is correct -- that you wish the American Bears treated under the four heads, Polar, Black, Grizzly, and Alaska Brown, in not to exceed 750 words for each of these groups -- I will agree provided you are not in too much of a hurry. I cannot write this until after my return to Washington about the end of October.

These groups hold very well for the majority of species but there are a few that fail to conform -- for instance, there are big bears in far Northwestern Alaska that one hesitates to place either as Grizzlies or Alaska Browns, and there is one Barren Ground Bear that has received generic separation from the genus *Ursus*.

Very truly yours,  
*E. H. Silliman*

In your list of expected authors, you say the Sheep Article is to be written by Charles Nelson of the Biological Survey. I assume that you mean E. W. Nelson.

July 23, 1931

Mr. Washington Platt  
412 Douglas Street  
Syracuse, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Platt:

Your letter of June 30 was a pleasant surprise. Your father (Dr. Walter B. Platt) and I were most intimate friends on the Hayden Expedition of nearly sixty years ago. The experiences of that expedition into the then unknown and little known parts of the Northwest was, I am sure, a turning point in both of our lives and doubtless had much to do in shaping our careers.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,  
*E. H. Silliman*



July 22, 1931

Miss Georgina Mastin  
American Museum Natural History  
New York City

Dear Miss Mastin:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant would say that ceremonial clothing heavily decorated with shells was worn by women in Northwestern California, particularly by the Athabaskan How-wun-kwat (usually called Hus or Tolowa) of the coast, and the Polikla (or Yurok) of Lower Klamath River.

You ask about seasonal houses: The open brush shelter was used in summer by many tribes, particularly by the Northern and Southern Piutes of Eastern California and Western and Southern Nevada.

In compliance with your request, I am sending you copies of the few ethnological papers of which I have copies here at Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

July 22, 1931

Dr. W. W. Lyon, Jr.  
The Clinic  
South Bend, Indiana

Dear Dr. Lyon:

You were very kind to congratulate me in the matter of the Roosevelt Medal.

I must confess however that personally I have little use for medals or other decorations, but I do take a certain satisfaction in the fact that this particular medal, in the phraseology of its donors, is a tribute to Natural History -- a comprehensive science now almost lost sight of by reason of the prominence of many of its minor divisions. It is a painful reflection that the term "Natural History" does not occur, as far as I am aware, among the subjects of instruction annually announced by our institutions of learning.

Your departure from the field of mammalogy, in which you did such excellent work, was a distinct disappointment to me; nevertheless, I wish to congratulate you on the good work you have done and are doing in the medical line.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman



July 24, 1931

Miss Dorothy Grover  
1442 Belmont St.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dorothy:

Thanks for your letter of congratulation found on my return from a field trip. You know I don't care for medals or other decorations but was glad to see that it was given as a recognition of work in general Natural History.

Glad you were able to see the Natural Bridge country and hope you had a good trip in Northern New England.

A few weeks ago I turned in the old Dodge and bought a new Ford Sedan, which is proving most satisfactory. It is the easiest car to drive that I have ever owned, the gear shifts being especially easy to handle.

Vernon Bailey and my sister and two of my brother's granddaughters, one of whom (Floddie) you have met, are booked to arrive here on August 8 on their way from the High Sierra to Southern California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*

July 24, 1931

Editor  
Tulare Times  
Tulare, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Can you send me the back numbers of your paper containing the chapters of F. F. Latta's History of San Joaquin Valley from the first article to July 3, from which date I have been receiving clippings from Allen's Press Clipping Bureau, San Francisco. If you can send the back numbers with bill, I shall be very much obliged and will remit at once.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*



July 24, 1931

Mr. William Lord Smith  
American Museum Natural History  
New York City

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter of June 29 has been forwarded to me from the Biological Survey. You ask for data, including measurements, in regard to your tigers. Whatever information you were good enough to give me at the time -- so many years ago -- has passed from my mind and your notes should be in the Biological Survey, and of course are inaccessible to me at the present as I am engaged in field work in California.

Regretting my inability to comply with your request, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -

July 24, 1931

Dear Florence:

The enclosed letter from Doctor or Mrs. Stephens has just arrived.

Can you tell now just when you will reach San Francisco? I am planning a short trip and must be back of course in time to meet you at the Ferry Building, so the sooner you let me know the better all around. Furthermore, we shall both feel better when you are safely here.

I don't suppose you can communicate with Vernon or the girls until they reach Yosemite, but this would seem to be of no particular consequence so long as you come as soon as you can.

Hastily,

*Hart*

*Merriam*



July 29, 1931

Montgomery Ward & Co.  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

About a month ago I paid your San Rafael branch for an Awning, to be delivered to me at Lagunitas. After waiting a long time it didn't come.

Then, on July 15, you sent me a postal stating that it would be sent on July 24. It is now five days after that date and it has not yet arrived. Is there any likelihood that it will show up in time for use this year?

Very truly yours,



August 1, 1931

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of July, amounting to \$116.88, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

The item of \$28.27 for Liability Insurance is not to protect me or the car from injury, but to protect us from damage suits for alleged injury to other persons or cars which might run into us. The Automobile Association tells me that suits amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars are filed every year by persons who smash into other cars and in the absence of honest witnesses try to prove that the other fellow is the aggressor.

I have driven automobiles for 19 or 20 years and have never yet hit another person or car, but I have been run into several times though thus far have not been sued. Nevertheless, practically everyone I have talked with on the subject expresses amazement that I am not protected by insurance.

Very truly yours,

A few years ago I had two front fenders smashed within two weeks, and in each case had to buy a new one.

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California

## Expense account for July 1931

July 1931

3 Schwabacher-Frey: June & (mainly photographic work)	1	9 57
7 1 gal Mobile Oil		1 40
7 Boyce Motometer installed on driving wheel post	2	8 50
7 Pickwick Hotel, San Francisco, Room & phone	3	2 80
8 Allen's Press Clippings Indians (for June)	4	3 00
8 C.W. Maxwell, Tool clasps	5	2 25
11 Calif. A.A.A. Liability Insurance on car (Policy 4SRL)	6	28 27
13 F. Lockley, Rept 150, 35th Cong. Indian Affrs Calif.	7	5 50
16 Pickwick Hotel, San Fran. Room	8	2 50
21 Ford Garage: 5 qts Hyvis Oil	9	1 75
22 Sausalito Ferry ret, 25; car storage 35	1.10	60
22 San Fran. Street cars 35; Meals 1.50; 50 stamp envelopes	2	95
23 Erma Krouss, Stenographer 3 days, \$15; Ret fare S.F..94	10	15 94
26 Ferry, San Raf-Richmond, Car & self 85; Lunch 90	1	75
26 Antioch Tollbridge, self & car, .80		80
26 Sacramento, Hotel Senator, Evg Dinner		1 50
27 Hotel Senator, Room	11	3 50
27 Bkfst 1.00; car storage 50; lunch 80		2 30
27 Pd Aleck Blue, Indian 2.; Indian woman 1.; Supper 1.		4 00
29 Ford Garage, 5 qts Hyvis Oil	12	1 75
31-Aug 1, Sausalito Ferry 25; Street cars 40; Meals 3.		3 65
San Fran., Hotel Fielding, Room	13	3 00
July gas, various places (mostly @ 16 1/2 cts per gal) 53 gals.		9 60
Cleaning Office month of July		1 00
		116 88

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August 7, 1931

Montgomery Ward & Co.  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant would say that the Awning in question was ordered and paid for by me at your San Rafael branch store on July 7th--exactly one month ago today. The price paid was \$2.55; the description, Heavy 10 ounce duck, 44 inches wide, window awning Riviera, as per your Catalogue 114 Summer 1931. Goods no. 460 B 9753.

*E. H. Hest*

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August 7, 1931

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Oakland, Calif.

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August 8, 1931

Mr C. A. Harwell  
Park Naturalist  
Yosemite, Calif.

Dear Mr Harwell:

Today's S.F. Chronicle contains the most  
astonishing announcement I have seen in many a day.

It states that a man named North was attacked and injured  
by a Bear, and that the man was asleep at the time the  
Bear struck him! Can this be true?

I shall be greatly obliged if you will  
kindly give me an accurate account of just what happened.

Very truly yours,



August 15, 1931

Mr Prentiss W. Gray, Editor  
Records N. Am Big Game  
183 St & So Boulevard, New York

My dear Mr Gray:

I quite agree with your revised estimate of about 1500 words for the Bear article. This may be condensed sufficiently to cover the four groups you mention, namely, the Blacks, Grizzlies, Alaska Browns, and Polars.

All attempts at classification of the Bears must be accepted as tentative only. At best the interrelations of the various species of living members of each group are in most cases puzzling and only inadequately understood--not to mention the question of their ancestors, a few of which have been rescued from caves and rocks.

On the other hand, a number of species are obviously related, enabling us to group them as probable descendants of of a common Pleistocene great-grandfather.

Certain other species stand out as conspicuous entities not easily tied to other living species, while others equally conspicuous point to their <sup>own</sup> origin.

Size is of little value in classification. Thus *Euarctos nelsoni* of northern Mexico, the smallest of the Grizzlies--not even so big as a big black bear--is obviously not at all closely related to the small Grizzlies of the Yukon and British Columbia as represented by *Ursus pallasii*, *pulchellus*, *rungiusi*, and *hylodromus*.

Your list of Black Bears includes two names--*emmonsii* and *kermodei*--that have no standing, both having been proved to be mere color variations of the common Black of the places where they occur.

In the case of the Polar Bears I do not expect to mention subspecies--there being so little material to substantiate the alleged forms.

Measurements: There are no reliable comparative measurements of Bears. But of skull measurements I have tabulated more than a thousand. If you want these, why not take them from my published figures for old males of the Grizzlies and Browns. Or, if you want series to choose from, I shall be glad to give access to my manuscript tables.

Which is the biggest, the Great Kadiak Bear or the Alaska Peninsula Bear? Nobody knows. Still, it would be interesting to know. Which has the biggest skull? I wish you would tell me. *Ursus middendorffi* has the highest, broadest, and most massive skull of all known living Bears. But the Alaska Peninsula neighbor, *U. gyas*, has a decidedly longer skull and the two differ widely in proportions. Which is the larger?

Size is a great thing in boots and shoes, but its value in classification except as a specific character doesn't amount to much. I never could become enthusiastic over "Record Heads".

So you know Lagunitas and Fairfax. I certainly am surprised I've often pointed out that funicular railroad as one of the wonders of the west, but never dreamed I'd run across its creator.



Lagunitas, Calif.

August 30, 1931.

Dear Doctor Stone:

Some years ago you and Mrs. Stone paid us a visit at our California home among the redwoods, madrones, tanoaks and umbellularias of beautiful Lagunitas.

That visit was a revelation to me. Previously I had known you as an ornithologist with a side interest in mammals. But the day you came I discovered my mistake, for from early morning till dark you were perpetually hunting - not for Birds, for you seemed to discover them without searching, but for small mammals, lizards, snakes, scorpions, insects and unfamiliar plants. In other words, you were that rare thing -- an All-round Naturalist!

Your enthusiasm, your persistence and your knowledge were a surprise and a delight. I was deeply impressed.

Your long period of service in the Philadelphia Academy, your numerous contributions to various departments of zoology and botany, your able editorship of the Auk for so many years and your self-sacrificing devotion to the new checklist of Birds command our admiration - though mingled with regret that your health has suffered the inevitable result of continuous overwork.

Your friend



Lagunitas, Calif.

Sept. 1, 1931.

Dear Mr. Harwell:

Thanks for your letter of Aug. 25 and for the two copies of July Nature Notes, which I'm very glad to have.

That picture of an Indian camp in Yosemite gave me a thrill when I first saw it, many years ago. I spent some time in locating the artist (Lady Gordon Cumming) and getting her copyright permission to publish it in a booklet on the Mewuk people. I have it in color. The only important error discovered by me is the tails on the bear hides.

She declined to sell the painting by itself but was willing to sell her entire collection.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. C.A. Harwell

Park Naturalist

Yosemite



Sept. 3, 1931

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for August, amounting to \$85.47, which kindly pay from the Harriman fund as usual.

I see I have overlooked a few small items of payments to Indians along the route, but didnt find many. Drove the new Ford car nearly a thousand miles but was afraid to go to several places planned, because of terrible forest fires in the mountains--many thousands of acres were burned. The roads in many places are so narrow and tortuous that to turn around is impossible.

About the gas: The price here in the Bay region is uniformly about 16½ cents, but increases with the mileage north of San Francisco Bay.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

Expense account for August 1931

Aug 5 Schwabacher-Frey Co. Photo work in July	1	7 37
6 Sausalito Ferry, San Fran ret 25; St cars 30; meals 2.	2	2 55
7 Pickwick Hotel, Room Aug 6-7	3	5 18
8 Allens Press Clippings (Indians) for July	1	1 50
7 San Francisco: Bkfst 80; St cars 20; car night storage 50	1	1 10
19 Ferry to SF ret 25; lunch 85	1	1 60
24 Auto trip North: Lunch & dinner	5	5 00
24 Camp, Cummings, Ldg. 2., meals en route 3.	4	4 00
26 Humboldt Bay: Eureka Inn Room	2	3 30
28 Car Storage 50; Bkfst & lunch 1.80	5	3 50
27 Junction Cy Hotel; Sup, Ldg, Bkfst	6	6 33
27 Redding: Car, labor, grease, oil & gas	7	2 50
28 Park Hotel, Shasta City: Room	2	2 00
27 Lunch at Redding 1; Dinner at Sisson 1	2	3 50
28 Bkfst & lunch 2; Dinner Clear Lake Lodge 1.50	8	5 25
29 Clear Lake Lodge: Room	3	3 40
29 Meals en route 2; telegram to Am. Museum New York 1.40	13	13 74
Gas: Aug 2-10: 26 gals \$4.32; Aug 24-29, 50 gals \$9.42	9	9 75
Sept 3 Schwabacher-Frey Co: Photo work Aug 20-27	1	1 40
Postage		1 00
Cleaning Office month of August		

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*C. Hart Merriam*



Sept, 6, 1931

Mr Maurice S. Sullivan  
8 Beacon Street  
Redlands, Calif.

My dear Mr Sullivan:

Replying to your letter of August 31 I regret  
to say that I cannot answer your question.

It is forty years or more since I rode on my  
horse through the St. Thomas region on my way from Death  
Valley to the Vegas Ranch. The distances mentioned by  
me were mere estimates and I don't regard the difference  
of a couple of miles as of any account. Neither do I  
know whether or not more than one salt cave is known in  
that area.

Very truly yours

*C. H. Johnson*



Sept. 7, 1931

Dr F. V. Coville  
Trona, Calif.

Dear Coville:

On returning to Lagunitas this afternoon I received your telegram(phoned up from San Rafael). It was then 3.30 and the express leaves San Rafael about 4--so there was'nt a minute to lose. So I ran up stairs and got your two bags, one containing the tent, the other apparently the sticks(spreaders), chucked them into my car and made San Rafael just in time.

Sorry there was no time to examine or repack without losing a day, which might mean a good deal to you.

Accepting your offer, I'll be greatly obliged if you will get from Tom Wilson the exact boundaries of the Panamint Shoshone tribe, and their names for the adjacent tribes. I got most of these but would like verifications. The northern boundary in particular was shaky. And the old man at Furnace Creek regarded the band at Scotty's as a different tribe.

The south boundary was given me as at or near Ivawatch or just north of the Sink of the Mohave (Soda Lake).

I wish I could be with you, but as this is impossible I wish you great success--and plenty of water.

As ever yours,



Sept. 9, 1931

Mr. Prentiss N. Gray  
183<sup>d</sup> St & Southern Blvd  
New York City

Dear Mr. Gray:

Your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst catches me between trips at Lagunitas.

You ask about the group relationships of Ursus cressonus and sheldoni. It is many years since I worked on these Bears and my memory is not so good as in years gone-by. My impression is that <sup>both</sup> of these large and rather remarkable species are of the Grizzly order, but am not absolutely sure.

When a person sets out to arrange all the species of most any large genus under one or the other of two groups, he generally strikes a few snags. Nature don't as a rule handle species in just this way.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 9, 1931

Mr. M. P. Skinner  
5840 John Ave  
Long Beach, Calif

My dear Mr. Skinner:

Replying to your letter of August 23, forwarded from Washington, would say that here in California I have no copies of the original description of Cervus nannodes, but shall be glad to send you one on my return to Washington about the end of October.

Herewith however I am sending you my article on 'A California Elk Drive', which you may find of interest.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



Sept. 9, 1931

Miss Dorothy C. Miller  
Montclair Art Museum  
Montclair, New Jersey

My dear Miss Miller:

Replying to your letter of the first instant I regret to say that I have no photograph of the White Deer-skin Dance, and regret still more deeply that I have never been fortunate enough to witness this ceremony. I've never been up there at the right time.

Why not have Goddards illustrations copied?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

TELEGRAM

Lagunitas, Calif.  
Sept. 10, 1931

Mrs Augusta Hone

Channings Sanitarium

Wellesley, Mass.

Betty is at Taos, New Mexico, with Helen Golden.

C. Hart Merriam



Sept. 13, 1931

Mr C. A. Harwell  
Park Naturalist  
Yosemite, Calif.

Dear Mr Harwell:

Thanks for yours of the 10th inst.

I am not only astonished, but delighted beyond words to learn that those priceless pictures painted by Lady Gordon Cummings in Yosemite nearly three-quarters of a century ago are now permanently located in a fire-proof building in the Valley. It seems too good to be true. I hope I may live long enough to see them.

Dr Tresidder is to be congratulated on his good fortune in discovering them, and on his generosity in presenting them to the Park Museum.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

*Nos. 8 & 9 of your Nature Notes interest me much particularly the description of the mountain.*

Lagunitas, Calif.  
Sept. 20, 1931

Dear Emily:

The death of your father is decidedly the most severe shock I've had this year. For in addition to the loss of so useful a citizen--a man of such rare qualities and so helpful and at the same time so modest--I feel a deep personal loss. For years he has helped me in my work and has always proved himself a real friend in the truest sense of the word.

Mrs Merriam joins me in sorrow and kind regards to you and your husband.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Mrs Emily Jones  
525 Mint Street  
Reno, Nevada

Sept. 20, 1931

Collector of Taxes  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me if any Taxes on my property, 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, are likely to fall due in the near future, and if so please send the bill.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Sept. 20, 1931

Mr John J. Cameron  
Secretary U. S.  
Geographic Board

My dear Mr Cameron:

Please pardon my long delay in replying to your letter of July 28 inviting me "to serve as representative of the National Geographic Society on the Board's Advisory Committee."

I have been engaged in field work in California and Nevada, from Death Valley to near the Oregon boundary, and trust you will pardon my delay.

Your proposition brings up two questions:

1. Whether I am "outside the Government service"; and,
2. Whether I would be acceptable to the National Geographic Society as its representative.

Personally I should be glad to serve the Board in any practicable way that would not involve too much time, but in the case you state, I am in doubt as to my eligibility.

Very truly yours,

U. Hart Merriam







Sept. 25, 1931

Editor Tulare Times  
Tulare, California

My dear Sir:

A couple of months ago I wrote, asking if you would send me, with bill, the issues of your paper containing the early chapters of Lattas interesting articles of the History of San Joaquin Valley, beginning with chapter 1 and continuing to chapter 35 of July 3. The subsequent chapters I have rec'd from Allen's Press Clipping Bureau.

I am anxious to complete my set and shall be glad to pay fifteen dollars for the missing chapters (1-35).

Of the second series--those on the Yokut Indians--I have a fairly complete set to date. But 4 of them are incomplete --either part cut off and missing, or part printed on other side of same page, so they cannot be pasted. The four defective ones are: Chapt 4, July 19; Chapt 11, July 29; Chapt 12, July 31. Can you supply these at one dollar each?

Very truly yours,



Sept. 29, 1931

Dear Dr Stephens:

On Monday October 5 I expect to drive to Fresno and thence into the foothills to complete some work with Indians, and am likely to be gone 7 or 8 days.

Am wondering if you happen to know some Boy Scout or other young man who would be available for the trip? I would of course pay all expenses and four dollars per day for his time. It is not a camping trip.

Zenaida with husband and baby arrived on schedule time. Talbot had to go at once on a field trip but was back in time for a week-end with us. It certainly is a joy to have them with us.

We had counted on a visit from Bruce and wife and were much disappointed that they could'nt come.

With love to you all,

Dr W. B. Stephens  
Alameda, Calif.



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Sept. 30, 1931

Collector of Taxes  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for Tax Bill recieved today.  
In payment I am enclosing my check on the  
Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for three  
hundred, sixty six dollars and 72 cents (\$366.72).

Very truly yiurs,  
*E. J. [illegible]*

Above tax is for my house and lot at 1919 16th Street  
Washington, D.C.



Oct 1, 1931

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for month  
of September, amounting to \$53.13, which kindly pay  
from the Harriman Fund as usual.

I expect to return to Washington the latter  
part of October and shall be obliged if you will send  
my October salary check to my house address, 1919 Six-  
teenth Street.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

Expense Account for September 1931

Omitted from August account:		
Aug 28: Shasta City, Car storage over night	.50	
Pd Indians on McCloud & Upper Sacramento	2.50	300
Sept 3: Sausalito-San Fran Ferry, ret 25; Street cars 30		55
Lunch 90; car storage 35		1 25
5 Sausalito-San Fran Ferry ret. 25; St cars 30; Oakland		
Ferry ret 21; meals 1.85		2 61
7-8 Saus-SF Ferry ret 25; night storage car 50; St cars 35;		
meals 2 days 3.85		4 95
8 Pickwick Hotel, Room	1	2 50
8 Mill Valley: Change oil & labor	2	2 75
9 Allen's Press Clipping Bureau, Indian Clippings August 3		7 11
17-18 Saus-SF Ferry ret 25; car storage over night 50; street		
cars 40; meals 3.50		4 65
Hotel Stewart, Room	4	3 00
22 International Journal Linguistics, Vol VII	5	5 00
Tamalpais Out of Doors		1 00
Schwabacher-Frey Co: Photo work month of Sept.	6	6 99
Gas for car, month of Sept. 28 gals @ 16 1/2		4 62
30 Saus-SF Ferry ret 25; St cars 25; meals 1.65		2 15
Drawing pens		80
Cleaning office room, month of Sept.		1 00

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October 2, 1931

My dear Mr Hegedorn:

Replying to your letter of September 18:  
I am planning to cut off field work and return to Washington in time to be with you in New York at the meeting of the Trustees of the Roosevelt Memorial Association on the evening of October 27.

I have prepared a brief address.

Very truly yours,

Mr Hermann Hegedorn, Director  
Roosevelt Memorial Association

Oct. 2, 1931

Mr Henry Allen Moe, Secretary  
John Simon Guggenheim Foundation  
551 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Mr. Moe:

Replying to your inquiry in regard to James W. Schultz:  
Half a century ago Schultz was a patient of mine in northern New York. He was a bright boy but rather "fast". He went west and engaged in cattle business. Later he settled on the Black-foot Reservation in Montana and married a full-blood woman of the tribe. He had a natural "gift" for writing and wrote some books about these Indians and their beliefs. The books were interesting and had a good sale. His wife died and he moved to Arizona, where he married a white school teacher. In time they were divorced and he married an anthropologist -- a student of the anthropological department of the University of California.

For some years he was a hard drinker, but I think this is of the past. He has continued to write and publish in a much neglected field. That his product is of value there can be no reasonable doubt--though its strict authenticity has been in question. In other words he is not a trained anthropologist, though he has spent much of his life in getting fireside tales and religious myths from the old Indians.

Personally, I feel that the mythology of our native Americans has in it so much beauty, so much that is unique and so much of real interest and value that it is a priceless asset.

Very truly yours



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Dear Mr. Moe:

Replying to your inquiry in regard to James W. Schultz:  
Half a century ago Schultz was a patient of mine in northern New York. He was a bright boy but rather "fast". He went west and engaged in cattle business. Later he settled on the Black-foot Reservation in Montana and married a full-blood woman of the tribe. He had a natural "gift" for writing and wrote some books about these Indians and their beliefs. The books were interesting and had a good sale. His wife died and he moved to Arizona, where he married a white school teacher. In time they were divorced and he married an anthropologist -- a student of the anthropological department of the University of California.

For some years he was a hard drinker, but I think this is of the past. He has continued to write and publish in a much neglected field. That his product is of value there can be no reasonable doubt--though its strict authenticity has been in question. In other words he is not a trained anthropologist, though he has spent much of his life in getting fireside tales and religious myths from the old Indians.

Personally, I feel that the mythology of our native Americans has in it so much beauty, so much that is unique and so much of real interest and value that it is a priceless asset.

Very truly yours



Oct. 29, 1931

Dear Seton:

Of course you are more than welcome to use any of my Indian stories from either the Dawn of the World (1910) or Annikadel 1928.

Just back from seven months field work in California.

Hope to sometime drop in on you at Seton Village. You must be having a great and constructive time there.

Yours as ever,

*A. H. S. [Signature]*

Ernest T. Seton  
Santa Fe, New Mexico



Nov. 2, 1931.

Dr. Jaime D. Angulo  
2851 Buena Vista Way  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Angulo:

The Fates seem set against our meeting. Your letter reached me at Lagunitas just as I was closing the house for the winter. And since my arrival here in Washington I have had to open our winter house, and also to make a hasty trip to New York.

If I had known a week earlier that you were back in California, I would have been mightily pleased to see you at Lagunitas.

Hoping we will have better luck next spring, and with best wishes,

Yours very truly,  
*C. Hart Merriam*

Nov. 4, 1931.

The Honorable  
Justice Cox  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Last evening I was served a summons for jury duty to appear in District Court No. 1, November 12th., signed E. C. Snyder, Marshal.

Several years ago I was exonerated from jury duty because of my age (seventy six) and physical disability.

Trusting that the same reasons are sufficient in the present instance,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Nov. 4, 1931.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Inclosed is my expense account for the month of October, including both field work in California and expenses back to Washington and New York, amounting to \$276.08, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

You may have noticed the material decrease in automobile expenses during the current year as contrasted with previous years. During the present year I drove between six and seven thousand miles, and having a Ford most of the time instead of the old Dodge car, got much better mileage for gas. Another important item is oil. Until about a year ago it was my practice to change engine oil about every three hundred miles, and since in the course of field work I often drove more than three hundred miles in two days, the oil changes were very frequent. This year I was assured that a change every five hundred miles was sufficient, thereby greatly reducing the amount and cost of oil.

Expecting to see you in the near future, and with thanks for your numerous attentions,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Omitted from previous account:

Aug. 28	Shesta Cy. car storage 50; Pd. Winton Inds. 2 50	1	3 00
	Allen's Press Clippings for Sept.	1	4 10
Sept. 30	Car: overhauling, greasing and changing oil	2	3 85
<u>October account</u>			
Oct. 5	Sausalito-San Francisco Ferry: car and self		75
	SF-Alameda Ferry: car & self 65; 9 gal gas 1.15		1 80
	Lunch & supper, self & asst (Frank Teague)		3 25
Oct. 6	Madera: Hotel Yosemite, room self & asst	3	3 50
	Car: night storage & repairs to brakes	4	1 25
	Breakfast, self & asst		1 90
	North Fork, 4 gal gas 70; Lunch self & asst 1.50		2 20
Oct. 7	Auberry Hotel: Sup, ldg & bkfst, self & asst	5	4 00
	9 gal gas 1.15; Lunch self & asst 1.25		2 50
	Sycamore Creek: Pd 3 old Indians \$3 each		9 00
Oct. 8	Fresno: Hotel Fresno, room self & asst	6	5 00
	Bkfst, self & asst 1.90; Car, night garage 50		2 40
	7 gal gas 1.16; 4 rolls photo films 1.00		2 16
	Lunch & dinner, self & asst		4 00
Oct. 9	Fresno: Hotel Fresno, room self & asst	7	5 00
	Breakfast self & asst		1 75
	Car, night garage 50; 6 gal gas 73		1 23
	Turlock: 5 gal gas		75
	Drum Val. Indian Tilly Wilcox 2.50; another Ind. 1.		3 50
	Lunch & dinner, self & asst		3 75
Oct. 10	Paid asst Frank S. Teague 6 days @ 4.00	8	24 00
	San Fran Ferry ret 25; Relief map Calif 1.75		2 00
	Meals 2.75; 9 gal gas 1.50		4 25
	Car: change oil & grease (San Rafael)	9	2 75
Oct. 12	Richmond Ferry, ret: car & self 1.70; Meals 1.75		3 45
Oct. 13	Tulare Times: series articles by F.P. Latta on Yokut		
	Ind of Tulare Valley, Calif. April-Oct. 1931	10	15 00
Oct. 18	San Francisco: Pickwick Hotel, room	11	2 50
Oct. 19	Berkeley: Hotel Durant, room	12	3 00
	San Francisco-Washington (RR return pd April account)		
	Drawingroom self & Mrs. Merriam, 111.00 (half)		55 50
	Dinner (Dining car)		1 75
Oct. 20-22	Meals 3 days @ 4.25		12 75
Oct. 23	Bkfst		1 40
	Porter SF-Chicago 1; Chicago-Wash 25		1 25
	Baggage		75
Oct. 26	Washington: Frances Longbrake: typing and filing	13	2 00
	Remington Rand Inc ream 14x13 Royal Paragon paper	14	4 70
Oct. 27-28	RR Fare Wash-NY & ret		16 28
	Pullman seat 1.88+1.88; Meals 3.50; Taxis 2.40		9 66
Oct. 29	Fidelity Storage Co: expressage insurance & hauling		
	chest of vocabularies and folio of maps from Calif	15	25 75
Oct. 30	Woodward & Lothrop: 12 rolls paper towels for office	16	4 25
Oct. 24-30	F. Johnson: Fall cleaning office & file rooms		6 00
Oct. 7	Hotel Fresno: Dinner self & asst		2 25
Oct. 18	San Francisco: Meals		2 25
Oct. 19	Berkeley: Hotel Durant, Bkfst & lunch		1 40
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Nov. 5, 1931.

William Henry Burt  
California Institute Technology  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Burt:

Returning from the season's field work in California I have today enjoyed examining the numbers of the Journal of Mammalogy that appeared during my absence. In the August number I find your paper entitled THREE NEW CHIPMUNKS FROM NEVADA. I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly send me two or three separates of this article so they may be properly filed among my mammal papers.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

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Nov. 5, 1931.

Mr. E. Raymond Hall  
University  
Berkeley, Calif

Dear Mr. Hall:

In looking over accumulated publications since my recent return from California, I find a copy of your paper on the Mammals of Utah for which I am obliged. Can you not send me two or three additional copies? If so, I shall greatly appreciate it.

It is my practice to file faunal papers under primarily the State or region to which they pertain, and also under the author. In a case of this kind where more than one State is concerned it is hard to place one or two separates where they may be easily found when wanted.

I congratulate you on having put on record so much valuable material.

Very truly yours,

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Nov. 5, 1931.

Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood  
Field Museum Natural History  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Osgood:

On the way back from California I stopped in Chicago long enough to visit the Museum and was disappointed to learn that you were absent--"away somewhere in the East."

A copy of your paper entitled TWO NEW RODENTS FROM COSTA RICA was among the summer's accumulation on my desk. If you have copies to spare I shall be glad to have a couple more in order to file one under "Macrogeomys" another under "Ototylomys". If I had a third copy it would go in the Costa Rica file. The copy I already have finds its place naturally in the Osgood file. With best wishes

As ever yours,

*C. Hartweg*

chm/cs



Nov. 10, 1931

Dr. M. W. Lyon Jr.  
The Clinic  
Southbend, Ind.

Dear Dr. Lyon:

Pardon my long delay in replying to your letter of July 29, which reached me at my summer base (Lagunitas) on my return from a field trip. As usual, I was very busy visiting Indian tribes, and during most of my intervals at Lagunitas I had no stenographer.

Yes, I am sure I feel the same way you do about the unhappy attitude of certain Naturalists in regard to the discord--to use a very mild word--as to the wholesale use of poisons in destroying alleged noxious animals. The difference between the Biological Survey men and most Naturalists outside the Survey strikes me as one of degree. Most of us believe that in certain places and at certain times it is highly desirable to destroy harmful animals, but when it comes to employing upward of three hundred men to distribute poisons broadcast over vast areas, I must confess that my sympathy is with the

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animals. <sup>But</sup> You exaggerate my influence in thinking that I might "effect a reconciliation".

As I look at the matter, the fight is between the cattlemen, who have enormous influence in Congress, and the rest of us, who have no influence at all.

Just why the Government should force all the States to pay the cost of poisoning alleged injurious animals in one third of the States, is beyond my comprehension.

I have long felt that this is a State affair and that such trapping and poisoning as may be necessary should be paid for by the States concerned, not by the United States as a whole.

Congratulations on your good luck in obtaining Woodrats and Swamp Rabbits in Indiana; also in extending the range of Pocket Gophers and Franklin Groundsquirrels in your State.

Very truly yours,

C. Hardt

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Nov. 10, 1931

Dear Talbot:

Thanks for your several letters, all of which have been most satisfactory to mother and me.

By this time I assume you are again a united family. Congratulations.

The "possum food" has proved most satisfactory, and owing to the receipt of a second invoice from the same orchard we find ourselves justified in doubling the daily dose!

But in none of your recent bulletins did I find one word about your trip in the foot-hill region easterly from Fresno. Being somewhat familiar with that general region I am interested to know what roads you took, and how you were impressed by the scenery and general make-up of the country. You may not have gone high enough up to get the mountain scenery, nor do I suppose you went from Sycamore Creek and Burrough<sup>valley</sup> south to Kings River at Trimmer. If you did you must have been impressed by the unusually attractive aspects of the region.

I have had a sort of feeling that you were not very enthusiastic over your early experiences in the State.

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The days stretches were too long and you were too tired to appreciate and enjoy what you saw.

Nevertheless, to my way of thinking you have a remarkably fine position, with almost limitless opportunities for travel through one of the most beautiful and interesting parts of the United States, and at the same time one available for worthwhile work. Few young men are so fortunate.

With best wishes and love to you both.

*C. Hart Thurman*



Nov. 10, 1931

Dr. E.G. Rehn  
Academy Natural Sciences  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Dr. Rehn:

Thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of the Academy's Year Book for 1930.

I am glad to know that you have returned from your field work among the mammals of the Paraguay Basin in Southern Brazil. You must have had an interesting and stimulating trip, although I imagine with the usual personal inconveniences. With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Nov. 10, 1931.

Mr. Neil M. Judd  
U.S. National Museum  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Judd:

The day before leaving Washington for California last April I received a copy of your tremendously interesting paper on Arizona's Pre-historic Canals.

If you chance to have copies to spare I should be glad if you would send me another, one and also send one to my daughter, Mrs. Zenaide Talbot, 1631 Walnut Street, Berkeley, California.

It is not often that one has the good fortune to publish such a fascinating account of something worth knowing. Trusting you are in good health and planning great things for the future, and with best wishes

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Nov. 10, 1931

Dr. Franz Boas, Chairman  
 Section Anthropology  
 National Academy of Sciences  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Boas:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter of October 13, at which time I was still in California.

In regard to the recommendations for grants in Anthropology, I approve all those mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

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Nov. 10, 1931.

Publisher Outdoor Life  
 1824 Curtis St.  
 Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

On March 20 last I wrote asking you to change my mailing address for the summer from 1919 16 St. Washington to Lagunitas, California.

Returning to Washington in October I failed to find the October number of Outdoor Life,<sup>and</sup> similarly have not received the November Issue. Apparently my letter failed to register.

Trusting that the missing and following numbers will arrive in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

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Nov. 14, 1931.

Dr. M. W. Lyon Jr.  
The Clinic  
Southbend, Ind.

Dear Dr. Lyon:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant just received, would say I have no objection to the publication of my letter of November 10 in regard to the unhappy use of poisons by the Biological Survey.

Enclosed is the part of the letter you wish to use, omitting the first paragraph, which was purely personal.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

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Nov. 10, 1931.

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The Clinic  
Southbend, Ind.

Dear Dr. Lyon:

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As I look at the matter, the fight is between the gentlemen, who have enormous influence in Congress, and the rest of us, who have no influence at all.



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Just why the Government should force all the States to pay the cost of poisoning alleged injurious animals in one third of the States, is beyond my comprehension.

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Congratulations on your good luck in obtaining Woodrats and Swamp Rabbits in Indiana; also in extending the range of Pocket Gophers and Franklin Ground-squirrels in your State.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Nov. 14, 1931.

Dr. Sterling Bunnell  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Dr. Bunnell:

Your kindness in attending to Zenaida and your courtesy in writing me so fully are deeply appreciated. For years past it has been a great satisfaction to several members of my family that when unfortunate enough to require expert surgical attention you have come to the rescue, and always with notable success.

From several somewhat painful experiences in the past we have learned of the vast differences in surgeons, and have come to regard it a lucky day when within reach of your skillful and generous services.

With sincerest thanks and kindest regards to Mrs. Bunnell and yourself, in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

As ever yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Nov. 16, 1931.

Director Vehicles  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to apply for a license for my American Six car which I purchased from the American Motor Corporation in November 1932, and which I have since then driven across the continent to California. Having recently returned from California I am in doubt as to the information needed by your office. The engine of this car is number 100147, 1932, n.r. 39.4 (4-60). My 1930 license is J-4999. If required I can furnish license numbers for previous years.

I wish to renew the license for 1932 and should be obliged if you will kindly send me the necessary blanks.

Very truly yours

Original Defective



Nov. 25, 1931.

Mr. E. Scheffer  
Lang Realty Co  
San Francisco, Calif

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated November 18 and sent to  
Lagunitas, California, my summer address, has just  
reached me.

I left California in October and do not expect  
to return until next spring. For this reason there  
would be no use in renewing my policy in the Hartford  
Accident and Indemnity Company at this time.

Very truly yours,  


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Dec. 1, 1931.

Mr. William E. Colby  
651 Mills Building  
San Francisco, Calif.

Mr dear Mr. Colby:

Very many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me two clippings announcing the killing of supposedly extinct Grizzly Bears, one in California, the other in Oregon. Both are of much interest to Naturalists, and efforts are being made to secure the specimens, particularly the skulls.

With best wishes and kindest regards to Mrs. Colby and yourself,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Dec. 1, 1931.

Mr. E. Raymond Hall  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Very many thanks for your kindness in complying with my request for additional copies of your recent papers on Utah, Nevada, and Washington mammals.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Dec. 1, 1931.

Dr. Donald R. Dickey  
California Institute Technology  
Pasadena, California.

Dear Mr. Dickey:

Many thanks for your recent sending of papers on 'Mammals Living and Fossil' by William Henry Burt, whom I assume to be one of your assistants. They are of much interest to me and I appreciate also your thoughtfulness in sending more than the usual single copy.

The work you have been doing in Nevada in recent years in connection with work done under the auspices of Joseph Grinnell substantiates my feeling for many years that the detached mountains of Nevada offer one of the most promising fields in North America for the discovery of new forms and the study of their relationships. Forty years ago I had hoped to do this work myself, but pressure of other matters knocked it on the head.

Last spring I had intended to call on you after coming out from Death Valley, but was prevented.

Trusting that you are now in good health and with kindest regards to Mrs. Dickey and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 1, 1931.

Literary Digest  
354 4th Avenue  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

In accepting your offer for a copy of the new Funk and Wagnalls Encyclopedia of World Knowledge, I trust I may be pardoned for expressing the hope that the quality of the work will be distinctly better than that of the Atlas and Gazetteer of the World published by them and distributed by you a year ago. I, in common with many other permanent subscribers to the Digest, were pained to see your name attached to such an inferior piece of work as the Atlas in question.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dr. W. H. Osgood  
Field Museum Natural History  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dec. 1, 1931.

Dear Osgood:

Your letter of the 12th instant was most welcome and I thank you also for the extra copies of your paper on Costa Rican Rodents.

It is good to know that you are continuing your studies of African and Asiatic small mammals. I am not surprised to know that the study of Striped Squirrels emphasizes the confusion of previous years. Your work of recent years is proof of what remains to be done in the Old World when mammals are collected and studied in accordance with the practice of American Mammalogists.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
C. H. M.

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Dec. 1, 1931.

Miss Rosalie McLaughlin  
18 St. James Place  
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Miss McLaughlin:

Your letter of the 22nd instant reached me duly. In compliance with your request I am mailing you copies of some of my papers on California Indians, but fear you will find little of interest in the line of material for social studies, my minor publications being technical. Unfortunately I am not able to send you my two books on beliefs and myths of two groups of California Indians, namely 'The Dawn of the World' dealing with the Mewan tribe, and 'Annikadel' comprising stories by the Modesse and Achomawen group.

It is hard to see how 'social studies' can be made from literature.

Very truly yours,  
C. H. M.

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Dec. 1, 1931.

Mr. Ernest T. Seton  
Sante Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Seton:

Your letter of the 4th instant interests me much. I am amazed at the dimensions of your undertaking -- that you have bought twenty five hundred acres of land and have put up about twenty five buildings. I hadn't the least idea that you were building a new city.

I hope to drop in on you some of these days and see with my own eyes.

With best wishes,

Yours as ever,

*C. R. Munn*

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Dec. 1, 1931.

Outdoor Life Publishing Co.  
Mount Morris, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated November 20 in regard to the failure to change my address from Lagunitas back to Washington came duly, but the October, November, and December issues mentioned have not yet arrived.

Very truly yours,

*C. R. Munn*

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Dec. 1, 1931

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for  
November, amounting to \$93.68, which I shall  
be obliged if you will pay from the Harriman  
Fund as usual.

Am enclosing also salary voucher for  
services of Catherine L. Smith, stenographer,  
for same period, amounting to \$100.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St.

Expense Account for November 1931

Nov	2	Chas G Stott: 1 ream cut paper 2.00; 4 erasers	20	1	2	20
	2	W F Roberts: "The Red Men in the New World"		2	5	00
	7	Eastman Kodak Co: printing negatives		2 1/2		40
	9	E Morrison Paper Co: 1 qt Sanford's Flo-Gum		3	1	50
	10	Allen's Press Clippings for Oct.		4	4	10
	14	Schwabacher-Frey Co: Photo developing & printing		5	18	01
	18	Chas G Stott: 1000 envelopes for photos & negatives		6	2	40
	19	Chas G Stott: 1000 envelopes (additional sizes)		7	1	48
	20	Eastman Kodak Co: printing & enlarging negatives		8	6	50
	20	Fuller & D'Albert: photo printing				55
Nov	8	Field & Stream for 1932		9	2	50
	25	Outdoor Life for 1932			2	50
	30	Bird Lore for 1932			1	50
	30	Science News: 17 issues			1	00
	30	Thread, needles & thimble				45
	30	20 street car tokens			1	50
	30	33 stamped envelopes			2	00
	30	5 pkgs corners for mounting photos				50
	30	Gas 9.33 1/3 of 9.33		10	3	11
	30	Electric current 10.71 1/3 of 10.71		11	3	57
	30	Telephone 12.39 1/3 of 12.39		12	4	13
	30	Fuel Oil 380 gals @ 6 22.80 1/3 of 22.80		13	7	60
	30	Cleaning office & file rooms month November			3	50
		Fuller & D'Albert: 46 Photo enlargments, 4x6		13	17	68
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C. Hart Merriam



Dec. 2, 1931.

Dear E. W.

Thanks for return of the Henshaw letters.

Am surprised that with all your other pressing work you had time to do this job. The letters are interesting but it took a lot of time to wade through them in search of data. Shall be glad to see your article in print.

Had expected to see you again before this but accumulated pressure prevented. Will see you soon.

As ever

Dr. E. W. Nelson  
Cosmos Club  
Washington



Dec. 3, 1931.

Dr. F. W. Hodge  
Heye Museum American Indian  
New York City

Dear Dr. Hodge:

Your letter of yesterday, with the news that you have been appointed Director of the Southwest Museum at Los Angeles, gives me great pleasure. This is splendid. It puts you in command of an inexhaustible field-- one in which you have already worked for many years. I trust the financial backing of the Museum will enable you to work without restriction.

In the not distant future I hope to call on you at your new headquarters as I plan to visit Death Valley again in the early spring and shall naturally pass through Los Angeles.

Since my return from California, I have been so overwhelmed with pressing matters that I have not had time to go over the accumulated package mail. I will do this at once and hope to forward your share of separates today or tomorrow.

With congratulations and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*

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Dec. 4, 1931.

Kid Joe  
Tollhouse, Fresno Co., Calif.

Herewith I am enclosing the photographs  
I took last October of yourself, Frank Benson and  
Handy Jim.

The pictures are not as good as they ought  
to be. I made a mistake in the distance. If I am  
able to go to see you again next summer I hope to get  
better pictures. I am sending you three pictures,  
one for each of you.

With best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Original Defective



Dec. 5, 1931.

Mr. Frank Teague  
1427 Mound St.  
Alameda, Calif.

Dear Frank:

You have good reason for believing that I had forgotten my promise to send you prints of some of my Kings River photographs. The matter has been most discouraging. I had one set of glossy prints and, on comparing them with the negatives, found that the photographer had cut off one or both ends and a strip along the bottom. Then I tried another man and in spite of instructions he made a set of dull prints without any margins. These last prints are much better than the earlier lot, but at the same time are far from satisfactory. However I am sending the best of them to you now as it doesn't seem worth while to wait any longer, and I am under great pressure of belated work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

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Dec. 5, 1931.

Mr. Edward R. Warren  
1511 Wood Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Mr. Warren:

My delay in replying to your letter of October 10 is unpardonable; nevertheless I am hoping you will accept my apology. I have been so overwhelmed with other matters that it has been impracticable until now to take up any mammal work. Moreover the questions you ask are mighty hard to answer.

The Black bears are a tough group and when working on the skulls some years ago I did not think it necessary to recognize any but the ordinary widespread Ursus americanus in Colorado. But in New Mexico there are two well marked forms-- whether to be recognized as species or sub-species is not positively known. Whether the southern form extends into Colorado I am not sure.

As to the Grizzlies of Colorado: we do not know enough about their ranges to attempt to identify a specimen from location only. We need the skulls.

I am sorry I cannot answer your questions more definitely and apologize again for the delay in replying. I am much pleased to learn that you are preparing a new edition of your Mammals of Colorado.

*Very truly yours,  
C. Hart Merriam*

Dec. 5, 1931.

Mr. Madison Grant  
Boone and Crockett Club  
Eleven Broadway  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Grant:

Thanks for your letter urging me to be present at the coming Boone and Crockett dinner on the 17th of this month. Unfortunately I probably shall not be able to do this.

You know of course that I am in full sympathy with the movement to make a bear reserve of Admiralty Island, Alaska.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

*Your remark that "only a few of  
the old-timers are left" is too true.  
Today I am 76. am*

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Dec. 5, 1931.

Mr. Neil M. Judd  
U. S. National Museum  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Judd:

Very many thanks for your kindness in complying with my request for additional copies of your most interesting paper on Arizona's Prehistoric Canals. My daughter, Mrs. Zenaida Talbot, now of Berkeley, will enjoy it very much--as will her husband who has done some work in the region.

I am expecting my elder daughter, Dorothy Abbott, with her children in a few days to spend the Christmas holidays with us. Early in January I shall be very glad if you will kindly bring Dr. and Mrs. Strong for an evening with us.

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

*Talbot is my 76th birthday*

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Dec. 7, 1931.

Dr. F. B. Hodge  
Hoge Museum American Indian  
New York City

Dear Dr. Hodge

Thanks for your letter of the 5th instant ( my seventy-sixth birthday).

Your new field is certainly big enough for your lifetime and that of several of your successors. You mention that it takes in all of Nevada but do not say anything about how much of California may be included. It is without doubt a most splendid field.

That matter of the Henshaw separates gives me a pain. Since writing you I have spent a couple hours hunting for them but thus far without success. I have not given them up however, and shall of course send them to you as soon as located.

Again with congratulations on your new position, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

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Dec. 7, 1931.

Dear Dr. Stephens:

The pressure of accumulated work has been so severe of late that I have been forced to neglect many things that should have been done, among them, letters to friends and relatives.

It was most kind of you to take the time to write such a nice letter about your Thanksgiving company. We appreciate your kindness and that of Mrs. Stephens in having Zenaida and Talbot at dinner.

We reciprocated in a mild way by having Bruce and his wife to help us dispose of our mid-day meal, and were particularly glad to have a few hours with them at our Washington home. Both were looking well. Bruce evidently has about all he can attend to in his Philadelphia work.

Thanks for the bear clippings. The animal, which doubtless was a true Grizzly, appears to have been taken care of by the Los Angeles Museum. Later on I hope to see the skull.

Dr. Harvey Hall of the Carnegie Institution, formerly Professor of Botany in the University of California, arrived here the morning of December 3 scheduled to lecture that

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evening at the Carnegie Institution. Soon after arriving he phoned me to ask the address of a competent diagnostician as he felt a soreness in his side. I referred him to Dr. Camp Stanley, with the result that he, Hall, was operated on the same day for a large abscess over but not connected with the appendix. He is in Garfield Hospital and likely to remain there two or three weeks suffering the enjoyment of three rather large drainage tubes.

Zenaida writes us that she and Talbot have finally rented a apartment at 2672 Hillgard Street, Berkeley, into which they plan to move on the twentieth of this month.

We are expecting Dorothy and family for the Christmas holidays. They come to us every year at this season so that we may keep track of the growth of our grandchildren, not to mention enjoyment of the old folks which certainly is a comfort.

It is good to know that you still have hopes of joining me in Death Valley in the very early spring. This is something to look forward to.

With love to you all,

Dr. W. B. Stephens  
1250 Bay St.  
Alameda, Calif.



Dec. 7, 1931.

Dear Zensaida:

Your good letter of December 1 arrived promptly and would have been acknowledged before had I not been so completely overwhelmed with various kinds of work.

We are glad you have located a satisfactory home there where you will establish yourselves on the twentieth. The location seems to me excellent except that it may be a little far from the chain stores and other places requiring frequent visits. Still it must be in a good clear atmosphere and within easy walking distance of the campus. According to your diagram the number and arrangement of the rooms seems highly satisfactory. We accept the invitation to occupy one of them at convenient intervals. You don't have to be told to help yourself to anything you find at Lagunitas that will help out.

When Tally was at North Fork I wonder if he ate or spent the night at the Thornburgs, only a mile from Forest Service headquarters. The place is called South Fork and is an excellent place in which to eat and sleep. Have been there several times.

It does us good to know that you are getting stronger all the time, and that Lee is hatching more teeth on schedule

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time.

Where has Tally gone on this last ten day trip? It would be interesting to me to know more about his routes.

We are looking forward to having Dorothy and children for the holidays. Have just had a beautiful letter from Beth. She writes like a full grown educated woman.

Our best love to all three of your,

As ever,

P.S. Dr. Harvey Hall of the Carnegie Institution, formerly Professor of Botany in the University of California, arrived here the morning of December 3 scheduled to lecture that evening at the Carnegie Institution. Soon after arriving he phoned me to ask the address of a competent diagnostician as he felt a soreness in his side. I referred him to Dr. Camp Stanley, with the result that he, Hall, was operated on the same day for a large abscess over but not connected with the appendix. He is in Garfield Hospital and likely to remain there two or three weeks suffering the enjoyment of three rather large drainage tubes.

*Letter from Tally dated Sonoma, Dec 1, recd since this winter I hoped - I had to get it*



Dec. 7, 1931.

Mr. John J. Cameron  
Sec'y U. S. Geographic Board  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Cameron:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant referring again to the matter of my service as representative of the National Geographic Society on the Board's Advisory Committee, would say that since the Society's President is "pleased with the suggestion" I shall be glad to accept.

Very truly yours,  
*Walter H. Henshaw*

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Dec. 9, 1931.

Dear Mrs. Harriman:

Mr. W. G. Chisholm, Trust Officer of the City Bank Farmers Trust Company of New York, writes me that the Trust agreement of May 13, 1910 between yourself and the Smithsonian Institution refers to a separate agreement of even date between yourself and myself. He fails to find this latter agreement and asks for a copy.

I have just had one made and am inclosing it to you-- not feeling at liberty to send it to him without your approval. If you wish him to have it, will you kindly either forward this copy to him or let me know and I will send him another.

On October 27 I went to New York for the Roosevelt Medal-- concerning which you gave me my first information. I went direct to the Frank Chapmans' apartment and they took me to the meeting. I read a brief address and received the Medal, returning with the Chapmans for the night.

I had planned to call on you next day but found that, after eight or ten months freedom from colds, I had acquired a severe sore throat and therefore gave up the idea of going where I might expose others. So I returned direct to Washington. Was sorry not to see you.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. E. H. Harriman  
1 East 69th Street  
New York City

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Dec. 10, 1931.

Mr. W. G. Chisolm, Trust Officer  
City Bank Farmers Trust Company  
New York City

Dear Mr. Chisolm:

Referring to your recent letter in regard to the Trust agreement between Mrs. E. H. Harriman and myself, would say that I have obtained this from my safe deposit box and have sent a copy to Mrs. Harriman. I did not feel at liberty to send it direct to you without her approval, and have asked her either to send the present copy to you or to notify me and I will send you another.

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Harriman*

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Dec. 12, 1931.

Prof. B. W. Evermann  
California Academy of Sciences  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Evermann:

Replying to your recent letter in regard to the desirability of setting aside Admiralty and Chichagof Islands, Alaska, as a reserve or sanctuary for the big Bears, I would say Chichagof is out of the question because of commercial interests too numerous to mention. Admiralty seems available and in my judgment should be set aside for this purpose. Undoubtedly there are more big Bears and more species on this Island than in any other area of many times its size in the whole world, and so far as I am aware no important business interests have as yet been established there.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

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Dec. 12, 1931.

Milton P. Skinner  
5840 John Avenue  
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Mr. Skinner:

Your letter of the 7th instant just received is the proper reminder. Acting on it I am sending you herewith a copy of my original description of the Valley Elk (*Cervus nannodes*) which owing to the Christmas jam may not reach you promptly.

Very truly yours,

Dec. 14, 1931.

Dr. J. C. Merriam, President  
Carnegie Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will send a copy of the Institution's splendid two volume work on the Temple of the Warriors, by express prepaid, to Dr. Sterling Bunnell, Physicians Building, San Francisco.

Kindly send bill to me.

Very truly yours,

Dec. 12, 1931.

Mr. Charles H. Merriam  
Pierston Hotel  
Pierston, Florida.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, would say that I have just consulted the Genealogy of the Merriam Family, written by my uncle James S. Merriam, and published by Charles H. Pope in Boston 1906.

Several Charles Merriams are mentioned but you are not likely to be interested in those born as long ago as 1822 and 1831. Of the Charles Henry Merriams liable to be alive at the present time is a farmer of Stratford, New Hampshire born May 1, 1850. Another was born in Milton [Conn.?] Jan. 6, 1864 and therefore reasonably sure to be alive now. He married Helen Gordon of Melrose in 1870 and was the father of two children, both girls, Florence Isabel and Helen Gertrude.

Not knowing anything whatever about the man you seek, I should assume that the chances were in favor of the last mentioned.

Very truly yours,

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Dec. 14, 1931.

Mr. Newton B. Drury  
114 Sansome Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Drury:

Your letter without date reached me several days ago. Unfortunately I have no photographs of the Roosevelt Elk, but if my memory serves me correctly several have been published--I think by the Forest Service or the National Forestry Association-- but unhappily am not sure about this.

Your announcement in regard to the additions to the Redwood Park is certainly most gratifying, and I wish to congratulate you and your associates on the splendid success of your long-continued efforts in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Since writing the above I have searched my files on the Roosevelt Elk and have found a reproduction of a most attractive photograph of a band of these Elk in the Olympic Mountains, published in the March 1929 number of Nature Magazine. Doubtless you can obtain the right of reproduction of this photograph.

Dec. 14, 1931

Dr. Frank Chapman  
American Museum Natural History  
New York City

Dear Dr. Chapman:

Very many thanks for your recent important contribution to the ornithology and life zone affinities of the birds of Roraima and Guiana, which arrived a few days ago.

I had no idea that so much had been obtained from these mountains, and still less that you were going to do such a monumental piece of work on the material collected. So far as I am aware no other person has the knowledge necessary to do a job of this kind. And your graphic maps will be a great boon to future workers.

I congratulate you on having added another volume of this importance to your already surprisingly large series.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Chapman and yourself,

As ever yours,

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Dec. 14, 1931.

Dr. Jaime de Angulo  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. de Angulo:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me copies of your important paper on the Achumawi Language and the valuable Karok Texts. I am particularly glad to be able to add these to my tribal file.

A statement on the opening page of the Achumawi paper tells that three of the Shastan tribes mentioned, namely: Konomihu, Ookwanotsoo, and New River Shasta "are now extinct". Several Konomihu are still alive. Two Ookwanotsoo old women were alive at the time of my last visit to the Pitt River country, and one so-called New River Shasta was alive last summer, but as I have already stated in print, he remembers only a few words of his language.

I have not the grammatical training necessary to do the kind of work comprised in the Achumawi work, but am very glad to have it on hand for reference.

Again thanking you for putting me in possession of of these valuable contributions,

Very truly yours,

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Dec. 17, 1931.

Doubleday Doran Co  
Garden City, N.Y.

Please send a copy of your new book entitled Digging in Yucatan, by Anne Axtell Morris, to Mrs. Sterling Bunnell, 1980 Washington Street, San Francisco, California, with the enclosed card.

Please send bill to me.

Very truly yours,

Dec. 18, 1931

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Editor, Doubleday  
Dorland & Company

Dear Sir:

The picture on page 21 of your December issue shows me working in the mountains on your staff. I have been thinking of you very much lately and hope the picture will be of some use to you.

Very truly yours,



Dec. 17, 1931.

Douglas Dorn Co  
Garden City, N.Y.

Please send a copy of your new book entitled  
Dining in Western, by Anne Axtell Morris, to Mrs.  
Sterling Bunnell, 1980 Washington Street, San Fran-  
cisco, California, with the enclosed card.  
Please send bill to me.

Very truly yours,  


Dec. 18, 1931.

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Editor, Canadian  
Forest and Outdoors

Dear Sir:

The picture on page 21 of your December issue  
makes me wonder if the naturalists on your staff have  
such flexible imaginations that they regard the animals  
shown as Muskoxen.

Very truly yours,

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Dec. 17, 1931.

Dr Joseph Grinnell  
Museum Vertebrate Zoology  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr Grinnell:

Very many thanks for the package of publications  
by yourself and assistants, which you have been good  
enough to send me.

I have scanned them with much interest and am  
particularly impressed by the thoroughness of Alden  
Miller's Revision of the Shrikes.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
*C. H. Merriam*

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Dec. 17, 1931.

Mr. Alden H. Miller  
Museum Vertebrate Zoology  
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Mr. Miller:

In a batch of papers recently sent me by Dr. Grinnell  
I find your Systematic Revision of the American Shrikes.  
It interests me very much, not only as an important contri-  
bution to ornithology, but also because of the very thorough  
way in which you have treated the group.

The only defect I have observed is the absence of a  
clean-cut list of the species and sub-species as introduc-  
tory to the matter that follows.

You must be a very diligent, painstaking, and patient  
worker to have gone into the subject with such great detail.

I remember meeting you in Yosemite when you were a boy,  
along with your distinguished father and mother.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

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Dec. 17, 1931.

Mr. Hermann Hagedorn  
Roosevelt House  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Hagedorn:

The replica of the Roosevelt Medal which you were kind enough to send me, along with your most complimentary presentation remarks, was addressed to my field base (Lagunitas, California) but by an utterly incomprehensible error in transit landed at Los Banos in a widely remote section of the state. As a result it was eventually forwarded to the Lagunitas postoffice and finally arrived in Washington three days ago. Hence please pardon my belated acknowledgment and thanks.

Herewith I am sending you for your files a copy of my address. I have taken the liberty to amplify the material on the first page and to make a few slight changes elsewhere, to cover details not available to me in California where I wrote the address. Am I at liberty to publish it?

With kind wishes and many thanks for your courtesy,

Very truly yours,

*W. H. Hagedorn*

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TO THE MEMORY OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
Roosevelt the Naturalist

When I was a boy there was a branch of knowledge called Natural History. And there were men called Naturalists--men whose main object in life was the study of our native animals. Of them Spencer P. Baird, for many years Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, was by far the most eminent, most influential, and most helpful.

But Baird was by no means the first to interest himself in Natural History. Three hundred years before his time some of the Pilgrims to New England and Virginia gave entertaining accounts of the animals of their new home, and a century or more afterward several Englishmen who had lived many years in America, notably Mark Catesby, Alexander Wilson, and Thomas Nuttall, gave



the world valuable books on the fauna and flora of our Eastern and Southern States.

Still more important from the technical standpoint were European Naturalists who from the time of Linnaeus to that of Cuvier, published technical works on the animals of the world. These contained descriptions of American animals based on specimens and information from 'overseas'.

It was not long however before American born men of letters began to interest themselves in the fauna of our Country. Outstanding among these were the eminent ornithologists John James Audubon and his coworker Dr. John Bachman, whose monumental works on birds and mammals with their splendid colored plates have never been surpassed; and Dr. John J. Godman, whose American Natural History was in such demand that several editions were printed. Others worthy of

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 After Linnaeus, the most notable of these were Erxleben, Gmelin, Pennant, Pallas, and F. Cuvier. Their works are the foundations of our present day systematic zoology.

mention were Dr. Benjamin Smith Barton, Governor DeWitt C. Clinton, James E. DeKay, Dr. Richard Harlan, and Edward Hitchcock.

The distinguished Swiss Naturalist Louis Agassiz who came to America in 1846 was made Professor of Zoology at Harvard in 1848. His stimulating influence can hardly be overestimated. Among his many students at Harvard and Penikese were Newberry, Verrill, Morse, Packard, Scudder, Hyatt, Shaler, Wilder, Garman, Allen, Brooks, Walcott, Fewkes, and Jordan--men whose names stand as monuments along the highway to knowledge of animal life.

Another Naturalist of the period was Sanborn Tenney, Professor of Zoology at both Vassar and Williams Colleges. Tenney, though not a technical worker, published a Manual of Zoology which in spite of its shortcomings and crude illustrations was widely used and proved a great help to hundreds of young men



and women. To many of us who lived in the back country it was a priceless boon. I confess that in my younger days I prized it more highly than any other book for it stimulated my interest and enabled me to identify the mammals, birds, and reptiles of New York State. I was not then familiar with DeKay's Volumes on the Natural History of New York.

Returning to Baird: Baird's influence with Congress and with the people was far greater than that of any other man. He invigorated the Smithsonian, enhanced its reputation, and broadened its field of usefulness. He created the National Museum and the U. S. Fish Commission. He fostered the Government's transcontinental expeditions known as the Pacific Railroad Surveys and named surgeon-naturalists to accompany them for the purpose of collecting animals and plants in unexplored parts of the little known West.

He was the kindly helpful friend of many a young naturalist--among whom Theodore Roosevelt and I were proud to have been numbered. It was Baird who in 1872, when I was a lad of sixteen, secured my appointment as Naturalist of the Hayden Survey of the Territories; and three years later, as assistant on the Fish Commission.

Baird was an indefatigable worker. He felt that the time had arrived for an overhauling and rewriting of the technical works on the land faunas of America and promptly set about the task. Of all the Naturalists of our generation he made the most important and most lasting contributions to knowledge. The period of his activities has been named the Bairdian Period.

Among his disciples who attained eminence in the field of Natural History were Capt. Chas. E. Bendire, E. D. Cope, Elliot Coues, W. H. Dall, B. W. Evermann, Charles H. Gilbert, Theodore Gill, G. Brown Goode, Henry W. Henshaw, F. A. Lucas, O. C. Marsh, E. W. Nelson, Mary J. Rathbun, Robert Ridgway, L. Stejneger.

Baird died in 1887. At that time interest in Natural History was at its heyday.



But it was not to last, for soon came the great development of the microscope, permitting intensive studies of minute organisms and revealing 'worlds unknown'. It took the colleges by storm. In a surprisingly brief period microscopes stood in rows on the laboratory tables, and the things seen through their lenses came to be called 'Biology'. The more obvious forms of life were no longer of interest.

Then, by means of lectures and laboratory instruction many young men and women interested in out-door Natural History were led to abandon their first interest and substitute the revelations of the microscope and section cutter. Many a promising Naturalist was thus diverted from his intended career. Some accepted the substitute; others, grievously disappointed, abandoned scientific work.

Years of sadness followed--long years in which the study of general Natural History not only languished; it all but expired. Our instructors in their enthusiasm over the all important revelations of the microscope seemed to overlook the fact that this instrument is not the only road to knowledge--forgetting that it takes no account of the higher forms of life and fails utterly to explain the inter-relations of life and environment.

An ominous cloud had overspread the broad field of Natural History, blinding teachers to the dependence of wild life on the nature of the home; blinding them to the obvious groupings of unrelated animals in certain localities; and blinding them further to the modifications or splittings of species as brought about by factors of environment and distribution.

Even museum studies of skins and skulls came to be frowned upon as trivial.



For a while it seemed that faunal and systematic Natural History were destined to be swept off the face of the earth. But the influence and teachings of the elder Agassiz in studies of marine life and of Spencer Baird and his followers in studies of land animals, were not wholly lost. Some of the disciples of these great men held on, and now and then a sporadic Naturalist appeared--a sort of ancestral throwback who, following the trails of Baird and Allen, kept the breed alive until the United States Biological Survey, and later the University of California, began the training of a new group of Faunal Naturalists. These naturalists were taught to broaden their zoological horizon by including the study of conspicuous types of plant life--thereby illuminating their comprehension of nature. Their knowledge of the environmental factors that control the distribution of animals and plants has contributed in no small

degree to the present day understanding of our Faunas and Floras.

Today these younger men are leaders of the minority that has striven to stem the overwhelming tide of Collegiate Biology which for so many years threatened to engulf and exterminate the race of field and systematic Naturalists.

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Theodore Roosevelt had the instincts, the powers of observation, and the vision of a Faunal Naturalist. Half a century ago he wrote me confirming my account of the food habits of the Shorttailed Shrew and giving his personal observations on this little animal. At that time he had prepared numerous specimens of mammals and birds and had already begun a museum.

While his strenuous life as President interrupted, it never dimmed his interest



and enthusiasm for Natural History. Once during the spring migration of birds he phoned me to breakfast with him at the White House to make sure of a species of Warbler then visiting the tall elms south of the mansion. His identification of the little birds as Blackpoll Warblers proved correct.

Another time, when that remarkable man Ambassador Bryce had expressed a desire to see in life our American Kingfisher and the Red-eyed Pipilo or Towhee, the President led us to places well known to him in the forest north of the City, where both birds were seen and heard--much to the Ambassador's satisfaction.

In later years, when living in Washington, he joined Vernon Bailey and me in a twilight bicycle trip up Rock Creek to see a Beaver (presumably an escape from the Zoo) which had temporarily established itself on that stream.

He was 'delighted' to see the Beaver cut a willow and swim with it to a floating log where he sat up and ate the bark.

Few people are aware of Roosevelt's knowledge of mammals and their skulls. One evening at my house (where I then had in the neighborhood of five thousand skulls of North American mammals) he astonished every one--including several eminent Naturalists--by picking up skull after skull and mentioning the scientific name of the genus to which each belonged.

He was deeply impressed by the gigantic size of the great Kadiak Bear as contrasted with the Rocky Mountain Grizzlies, and several times brought friends to see for themselves the enormous difference between the skull of an old male Idaho Grizzly and that of one of these giant Kadiaks--the two standing side by side on my desk.



On one occasion, before a meeting of the Biological Society of Washington, he crossed swords with me in regard to the validity of several species of Coyote as shown by their skulls.

Roosevelt's publications on hunting and on the game animals of the Plains and Rocky Mountains,<sup>1</sup> his daring exploration into unknown parts of South America,<sup>2</sup> his excellent accounts of African game animals,<sup>3</sup> his Biological Analogies in History, A Booklover's Holiday in the Open, and his critical work on Revealing and Concealing Coloration in Birds and Mammals rank among the more important of his contributions to the knowledge of nature.

<sup>1</sup> Hunting the Grizzly; Hunting Trips on the Prairie; Hunting Trips of a Ranchman; The Wilderness Hunter; Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail; Hunting in the Cattle Country; The Deer Family; American Big Game Hunting. Through the Brazilian Wilderness.

<sup>3</sup> African Game Trails; Life Histories of African Game Animals (By Roosevelt and Heller).

He had great respect for genuine hunters--the kind who endure hardship, exhibit prowess and tell the truth--such men as Selous, Warburton Pike, George Bird Grinnell, and Charles Sheldon. Early in his career in the White House he asked to be notified when out-of-town hunters came to the city. So when the Canadian hunter and Sub-arctic explorer Warburton Pike had arrived, Sheldon and I were requested to bring him to dine at the White House. The time happened to be a particularly busy one politically and we were warned that the President must excuse himself directly after dinner. But instead, he took us upstairs and kept us in his den till midnight. He was several times interrupted by messengers, but declined to see them. Finally his son-in-law (Nicholas Longworth) came with an important telegram. Roosevelt waved him away with the remark that he was not to be interrupted--that for this one night he felt entitled to enjoy himself.



Theodore Roosevelt lived during the period of ultra-microscopic specialization in the study of animate nature--the sad period in which the good old term Natural History fell into disuse, actually disappearing from text books and college curricula; nevertheless he was not misled.

The keenness of his observation coupled with his intimate first-hand knowledge of nature enabled him to recognize the necessity for field work and convinced him of the absolute need of museum specimens for exact studies of animals and plants.

He appreciated the work of the Biological Survey and aided it with his personal influence, even incorporating a paragraph about it in at least one of his messages to Congress.

If his major interests had not been diverted into the time consuming field of politics he would have been one of America's foremost naturalists.

In conclusion, may I express my deep personal gratification that the medal you have seen fit to award me is an acknowledgment and a tribute both to the science of Natural History and to the memory of the great man whose name it bears.



Dec. 17, 1931.

American Automobile Ass'n.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Having recently returned from California (where I drove my California car) I applied to the Director of Vehicles in this City for the necessary certificate and licenses for my Washington car. I sent him the usual dollar with ten cents extra for the delivery of the tags. He returned the ten cents and a certificate of title (number 67008), but said nothing about license plates. As they have not arrived, I am asking you for information.

The December number of American Motorist just received has an article on the subject, which I do not fully understand. Paragraph two of Things for A.A.A. Members to Remember states "You must present the official application forms sent you by the Department of Vehicles, in order to obtain tags". The application form sent me by the Department of Vehicles was returned to them in order to obtain my certificate of title, and was not sent back to me, so that I have nothing but the aforesaid certificate.

I would like to avail myself of the privilege mentioned in paragraph three of Things to Remember, by having the tags sent to my home address, and shall be glad to send whatever

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money may be necessary, if I have the necessary information.

I have been a member of the A. A. A. in Washington, and also of the California branch, continuously for twenty years, having paid dues annually on both sides of the Continent--therefore do not feel that I am imposing on you for the information desired.

Very truly yours,

*C. Kant American*

The car for which I wish 1932 license plates is an American Six, Touring, model 90 of 1923 (purchased Nov. 24, 1922). The engine number is 100147, car D-5034.

The D. C. license plates beginning 1927 have been in the J series: For 1930, J-4999; 1931, J-2867.

My membership card in the Washington A.A.A. is number 120522, expiring June 1, 1932.



Dec. 17, 1931.

Mr. Phil Townsend Hanna  
Editor, Touring Topics  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Hanna:

Very many thanks for your remarkable, beautiful, and useful map showing routes of early explorers by sea and land to California, which you have kindly sent me.

The combination of bits of relief (though rather crude) with modern political divisions, in contrast to the imaginative ideas of a couple of centuries ago, make it of value for school use. And the historical notes concerning early navigators and explorers are very convenient.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Dec. 17, 1931.

Dr. G. B. Pickwell  
Teachers College  
San Jose, Calif.

My dear Sir:

My sister, Mrs. Vernon Bailey, has just shown me a number of your enlarged photographs of birds, many of which are very interesting and demonstrate your enthusiasm and ability as bird photographer.

Personally I am long past the active age for bird work, but am still interested in birds, particularly with reference to protective coloration.

Two of the photographs, number eleven, showing Woodpecker storage plantings of acorns in a tree trunk, and fifty three, showing a Nighthawk on its nest on the ground, I should like to purchase.

If you can send me these photographs, preferably half the size of those you sent my sister, with bill for same, I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Dec. 17, 1931.

Mr. Ray Johnson  
Canby, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter just received, would say  
that I take pleasure in sending you by this mail a  
copy of my map of the Pit River Indian tribes, and  
trust it is what you want.

Owing to the congestion of the mail at Christmas  
season it may not reach you for several days after my  
letter.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Dec. 18, 1931.

Mr. David B. Rogers  
Museum Natural History  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

My dear Sir:

I am greatly interested to learn that the Santa Barbara Museum has been so fortunate as to obtain the skull of the large Grizzly killed a little more than a month ago in the Tepesquet country.

Am writing to inquire if I may borrow the skull for a short time, say two weeks, in order to compare it with skulls from Southern California, now in our National Museum.

If so, kindly pack securely and ship, addressed: Biological Survey, U.S. National Museum, Washington, D.C. Express charges both ways will be paid by us.

Please attach a label to the skull, stating locality and date of killing, and your Museum address.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Dec. 18, 1931.

Miss Adeline Merriam Conner  
North Sacramento, Calif.

My dear Miss Conner:

In the Sacramento Union of October 7 last, I find an article by you entitled 'How the Indians Preserved the Forests?'

In this article you speak of the annual or bi-annual low burnings of the forests by Indians in the early days.

I have known of this for many years and have been told about by Indians of a number of tribes. At the same time I am anxious to secure as many records as possible; therefore I shall be thankful if you will tell me either the name of the tribe or the region which you had in mind when writing this article.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Dec. 21, 1931.

Col. R. Y. Stuart, Forester  
Forest Service  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

In looking over my office file of maps of the National Forests, I find that many of them were issued so long ago that you probably have later editions.

Following is a list of the maps I have, with latest dates of issue:

Angeles	1924	Mono	1919
California	1924	Renier	1911
Cleveland	1912	Sequoia	1923
Columbia	1924	Sierra	1928
Crater	1916	Shasta	1927
Eldorado	1918	Siskiyou	1911
Inyo	1923	Stanislaus	1922
Klamath	1929	Tahoe	1923
Lassen	1923	Trinity	1927
Modoc	1925		

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send my any or all of which you have later editions.

They are most useful to me both in field and office work.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Dec. 21, 1931.

Mr. Charles H. Merriam  
Pierson, Florida.

My dear Sir:

The Charles Henry Merriam referred to in your last letter does not appear to be in the Merriam Geneology. Neither am I sure that you are in it.

If you will give me the date and place of birth and your father's name, I can make sure of this.

Very truly yours,

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Dec. 23, 1931.

Mrs. Harvey Hall  
Palo Alto, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Hall:

Your beautifully illustrated card came a week or so ago and we were very glad to hear from you.

Your husband is doing splendidly, and while not allowed to walk about, he nevertheless is elevated in bed, and is generally reading or writing when I see him in the late afternoon.

To my great surprise he has developed the habit (with the assistance of the nurse) of serving afternoon tea. To me this is a great treat as I do not remember to have enjoyed this beverage for a year or more past.

With best wishes to yourself and daughter, whom I have not seen since she was a little girl,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Dec. 23, 1931.

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Again you have brought the aroma of the Redwoods as a Christmas blessing to our family. And today there is much more to the family than yesterday, or anytime during the past year, for the reason that Dorothy, with her husband Henry Abbott and two children Beth and Merriam, arrived in their auto from Cambridge last evening, to be with us for the holiday week.

It was very good of you to send us that beautiful Redwood cone wreath. Its fragrance is delightful.

And it is still better to know that you have gained so surprisingly and that you can now walk without a cane and are able to go to your Herbarium in the Academy.

Zenaida and her husband M. W. Talbot are in Berkeley. Talbot is in the Forest Service, with office headquarters on the Campus. They have a husky little boy a year and a half old. He has a dozen teeth now and has been walking for about four months.

With best wishes from us both,

As ever yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Miss Alice Eastwood  
Academy Natural Sciences  
San Francisco, Calif.



Dec. 23, 1931.

Mr Otto Widmann  
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr Widmann:

Very many thanks for your beautiful Christmas etching of the Mallards. It certainly is a work of art.

My eldest daughter, Dorothy, with her husband and both children, has just driven on from Cambridge to be with us for the holiday season.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Dec. 26, 1931.

Fred Lockley  
Portland, Oreg.

Dear Mr Lockley:

I shall be obliged if you will send me the following from your book list received this morning:

List 162

The Religions of the World by William Burder \$1 75

Ellison's Fort Bridger 1 50

Wyeth's Correspondence and Journals 4 00

Very truly yours,

chm/cs



Dec. 28, 1931.

Mr Buford L. Fox  
 Chief Deputy  
 Agricultural Commissioner  
 Bakersfield, Calif.

Dear Mr Fox:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, forwarded from California, would say I take pleasure in sending you by same mail my original description of the Valley Elk (Cervus nannodes) and a paper on the somewhat remarkable performance of these Elk in a drive which I arranged for at Buttonwillow Ranch a good many years ago.

A good deal of scattered information about these Elk has appeared from time to time in old histories and various articles in magazines and newspapers, which it is impossible to get together without spending much time in search.

You refer to "the status of this band of Elk at the present time". Evidently I have not seen the reference you refer to and shall be glad if you will kindly tell me where to find it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 31, 1931.

Mr. Richard M. Ham  
 A. A. A.  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ham:

Very many thanks for your trouble and courtesy in attending to the matter of the license plates for my car for the coming year.

In accordance with your instructions I am returning herewith the Registration blank, along with my check for \$2.10, and shall appreciate the favor if the tags in due course are delivered at my house at 1919 16th Street.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 31, 1931.

Mr N.W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of December amounting to \$176.30 which I shall be obliged if you will pay from the Harriman Fund as usual.

I am transmitting also two vouchers which kindly pay direct:

1. Edgar Baum Inc. for a five drawer letter cabinet with lock, \$47.50; and an Art metal twenty drawer map file, \$40, the two amounting to \$87.50.

2. December salary voucher for Miss Catherine Smith for services as stenographer, \$100, which please mail to her address 1424 Harvard St.

Very truly yours,

chm/cs

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St.

Expense account for December 1931

ec. 4	Stotts; Photo corners, 1 00; Clarotype, 50;		
	Stenog books, 20		1 70
ec. 7	Am Mus Nat Hist: Natural History Magazine for 1932		3 00
ec. 7	Morrison Paper Co: Carbon paper 75; Erasers 40	2	1 15
ec. 7	Morrison Paper Co: 5 sheets black mounting paper cut	3	75
ec. 10	Allen's Press Clippings Indians for Nov	4	6 86
ec. 11	Edgar Baum: Large steel map case \$100 00		
	4 drawer steel letter file \$22 00	5	122 00
ec. 11	Teunis Collier: For lining up base for map case		2 00
ec. 15	Underwood Typewriter Co: Repairing typewriter	6	2 40
ec. 18	Underwood Typewriter Co: New roller for typewriter	7	3 65
ec. 15	Outdoor Life for 1932		2 50
ec. 15	Red and Gun in Canada for 1932		2 00
ec. 15	Ottawa Field Naturalist for 1932		2 00
ec. 5	Shell oil for furnace \$12 00	(1/3) 8	4 00
ec. 29	Shell oil for furnace \$23 40	(1/3) 8	7 80
	Gas for December \$5 55	(1/3) 8	1 85
	Phone for December \$5 75	(1/3) 9	1 92
	Electric current for December \$6 72	(1/3) 10	2 24
	Morrison: Punching holes in Photo albums		25
	Stotts: Cards (for photo album labels)		50
	India Ink		25
	50 stamped envelopes \$1 13; 50 2 ct stamps 1 00		2 13
	14 car tokens		1 05
	4 Taxi trips @ 20		80
	Cleaning office & file rooms month Dec		3 50
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C. Hart Merriam



Dec. 31, 1931.

Mr George W. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr White:

Thanks for your letter of the 30th instant informing  
me that you have extended the H. W. and M. L. Johnson loan  
for \$1000, maturing February 18, 1932, to February 18, 1935  
with interest at 6 %.

Very truly yours,

January 4, 1932.

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Miss Helen B. Smith,  
Forest Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Smith:

Very many thanks for your  
attention in sending me the California  
National Forest maps requested a  
short time ago.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Anderson



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January 4, 1932.

Egbert Bagg & Co.,  
219 Genessee Street,  
Utica, New York.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for insurance policies on  
furniture, paintings, Indian baskets, scientific  
specimens and so on in my house, 1919 Sixteenth  
Street, Washington, for three years ending  
January 18, 1935 (Liverpool and London and Globe,  
No. D15780, and Hartford, No. 10602) for which  
I am obliged.

Enclosed is my check for \$33.76 in  
payment.

Very truly yours,

*E. Bagg*

January 4, 1932.

Mr. L. A. Barrett  
Forest Service  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Barrett:

In looking over my Washington file of  
California Forest Service maps, I find that the latest  
issues that I have here are as follows:

Angeles 1926  
California 1928  
Cleveland 1930  
Columbia 1924  
Crater 1930  
Eldorado 1929  
Inyo 1926  
Klamath 1931  
Lassen 1926  
Modoc 1927  
Mono 1928  
Ranier 1931  
Sequoia 1928  
Shasta 1927  
Sierra 1927  
Siskiyou 1926  
Stanislaus 1927  
Trinity 1930

If your office has issued any later editions  
of any of these, I should be mighty glad to have them.

With best wishes and thanks for past favors,

Very truly yours,

*L. A. Barrett*



January 4, 1932.

Professor J. McK. Cattell  
Carrison, New York

Dear Professor Cattell:

For some time past I have been intending to send you my Roosevelt Medal adress, delivered October 27, but permission to publish it has only just reached me from the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

The address is enclosed herewith. If you see fit you may print it in either "Science" or "Science Monthly".

Very truly yours,

*C. Eastman*



January 7, 1932.

Mr. George S. Hamilton  
Two Rivers, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Please overlook my long delay in replying to your letter of September 21. At the time of its arrival in California I was absent on a field trip, and on returning shipped my accumulated mail to Washington with the result that I have only just come across your letter.

Your Kodiak Bear surely was a monster. Whether or not its skull is larger than any we have in the museum I am unable to say without measuring it in the same way that I have measured hundreds of other Bear skulls. The largest Kodiak Island skull in our collection at the time I was working on the bears fifteen years ago measured in a straight line between uprights 457 mm. (18 inches). Apparently yours is distinctly bigger.

So you killed it on Uyak Bay -- a great place for big bears! I made a hurried visit to this bay many years ago.

By same mail I am sending you a copy of my

H.S.M.

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Review of the Grizzly and Big Brown Bears. If you will compare the skull figures shown on plates 2 and 3, you will observe the striking difference between the short, high, and very broad skull of the Kodiak Bear (plate 3) and the long and relatively low and narrow one of the Alaska Peninsula Bear (plate 2). The two species are very distinct.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

#### A word about measuring bear skulls

skull of any large mammal when fresh is slightly longer and broader than the same skull after it has been thoroughly dried, and skulls measured in the flesh always measure more than when cleaned and dry.

The greatest length of a skull between uprights is really a worthless measurement for the reason that the overhang of the occipital crest (at the hind of the skull) increases with age. Therefore the only measurement of any value in determining the actual greatest length of a skull is from the occipital condyles to the front of the incisor teeth.



January 11, 1932.

Mr. Ray Johnson  
Canby, California

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 4: I am glad to know that the maps reached you safely.

You ask whether or not the Pit River tribes are to be included in the compensation to be paid by the Government for the lands taken away from them by the whites.

The Pit River tribes, as you know, were not visited by the Government Indian Commissioners in 1852-1854, and therefore were not mentioned in the Eighteen Treaties.

But nevertheless the bill which was passed by Congress in 1928 provides that all California Indians shall be included in the Court of Claims case now pending settlement. This bill states "That for the purposes of this Act the Indians of California shall be defined to be all Indians who were residing in the State of California on June 1, 1852, and their descendants now living in said state". This, of course, includes the Pit River tribes as well as those signing the treaties.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

January 11, 1932.

Dr. Kenneth Gordon  
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Doctor Gordon:

Thanks for the set of small photographs of mammals which you were good enough to send me two or three weeks ago. I have been exceedingly rushed of late. Hence please pardon the delay in acknowledgment.

I greatly admire many of your pictures and should like to possess a number of them for my files, but I have no information whatever as to your prices and shall be obliged if you will kindly tell me what your charge is for flat prints the size of those you sent, and also <sup>for</sup> four by five enlargements, on the assumption that I would like, say, twenty of the four by five size.

Surely your patience has been rewarded by the large number of excellent close-ups you have succeeded in obtaining. My own experience in similar work gives me an inkling of the large amount of time you must have devoted to this interesting work.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

I am holding the prints you sent until I know price of the enlargements.



January 11, 1932.

Miss Nora K. Worres, Secretary  
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History  
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Miss Worres:

Very many thanks for your letter of December 28 in regard to the killing of an alleged Grizzly Bear in the Tepesquet country. You say that Mr. Rogers "examined the skin and found it to be merely an exceptionally large old Brown Bear". May I ask, did he examine the molar teeth and did he measure the claws of the front feet? And is the skull preserved in your museum?

There is no such thing as a species of bear called the "Brown Bear" anywhere south of Alaska, although, as well known, there is a brown phase of the Black Bear, but no Black Bear ever grew to be anything <sup>like</sup> so large and heavy as the size recorded for this specimen.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

January 11, 1932.

Mr. James Willard Schultz  
P. O. Box 2184  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Schultz:

Your letters in regard to your application to the Guggenheim Foundation for assistance in working with the Kutenai Indians reached me duly, and I wrote the Foundation promptly as you requested. But I have been so overwhelmed with field work and other matters that I am months behind in my correspondence. So please accept my apologies for the delay.

I have not seen Grinnell for two or three years but have heard that his age is beginning to tell on him.

Congratulations on having secured my namesake, the Arizona turkey.

With best wishes to you and your son,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



January 12, 1932.

Mr. L. A. Barrett  
Forest Service  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Your letter of the 6th instant has just arrived and amazes me muchly.

As I think you know, I have worked in California a large part of my life -- that is, for many months each year for nearly half a century. During all this period, many old settlers and many Indians of numerous tribes have told me the same story, namely that in early days it was the general practice of Indians to burn the forest brush every 2 or 3 years. Indians have often called my attention to stands of youngish or middle size trees of approximately equal age (yellow pine and others) and have specifically mentioned that the resulting fire danger was the result of prohibition of the former custom of burning the young stuff in the forests.

If you visited Yosemite Valley some years ago, you must have observed a notorious case of this kind where the density of a young forest of ponderosa pines on the

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floor of the valley was uniformly regarded, by both Indians and whites, as a serious fire menace.

The custom of frequent burning was so widespread, so widely known, and so foreign to my special lines of investigation, that it seemed superfluous to make any particular note of it. It is only during the past year or two that I have come to regret that I did not put on record some of these numerous instances.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



January 12, 1932.

Judge Fred A. Baker  
Indian Agency  
Sacramento, California

Dear Judge Baker:

Several years ago when you were taking a census of California Indians in the southern San Joaquin Valley region, you mentioned the Wimmelche tribe. Can you without too much trouble tell me where you located one or more members of this tribe? During my work in the region, I unfortunately have not come across any of the survivors.

In addition to the Wimmelche, you must have encountered stray fragments of several other tribes that would be of much interest to anthropologists. For this reason I have been hoping for an opportunity to look over your records.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



January 12, 1932.

Dr. Sterling Bunnell  
Physicians Building  
San Francisco, California

My dear Dr. Bunnell:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th instant.

Yes, I am the guilty one who sent you those books.

-- 'The People of the Barriers' at Christmas time.

I gave them my card to put in the front of the first volume but guess they forgot it. The work in Yucatan and the publication of results are by the Carnegie Institution of Washington -- not by the Smithsonian.

I am hoping to get into Death Valley and adjacent hot deserts in March, returning thence to Leguinitas as usual.

Mrs. Harrison joins me in kind regards to Mrs. Bunnell and yourself.

Very truly yours,

January 12, 1932.

Mr. W. L. McAtee  
200 Cedar Street  
Cherrydale, Virginia

Dear Mr. McAtee:

Enclosed is my check for \$4.00 for which kindly send me a copy of the new "Check List" addressed to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



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Dr. Sterling Bunnell  
Physicians Building  
San Francisco, California

My dear Dr. Bunnell:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th instant.  
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With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Retake of Preceding Frame



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January 13, 1932.

Mr. L. A. Barrett  
Forest Service  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Your letter of the 8th instant along with  
3 additional maps (Modoc Lava Beds, Tahoe, and  
Trinity) for which I am very much obliged came  
this morning.

Just now I am overwhelmed with the labor  
of getting last seasons catch of material properly  
recorded and entered, and am hoping to return to  
Death Valley in the early spring and proceed thence  
northward as usual.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



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With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



January 15, 1932.

Mr. Prentiss W. Gray  
183 Street and Southern Boulevard  
Bronx, New York City

My dear Mr. Gray:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, would say that I have made a fair start on the bear article, and hope to send it to you in the near future.

In this connection I should like to ask whether it is your intention to publish my article exactly as it is turned over to you, or whether you intend to interpolate measurements or any other matter.

It is good to know that Rungius is making the bear pictures for the book. This will greatly enhance its interest and value. I believe him to be by far the ablest bear artist in the world.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

January 15, 1932.

Mr. Horace M. Albright, Director  
National Park Service  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Albright:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of Secretary Wilbur's new book entitled 'Conservation in the Department of the Interior' which arrived this morning.

The book has a most attractive appearance and treats of subjects in most of which I am interested. I know I shall read it with satisfaction and profit.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart



January 15, 1932.

Mr. J. W. MacBride  
619 Balboa Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. MacBride:

Your letter of the 8th instant is before me.

Yes, some years ago I devoted a good deal of time to the study of the native Indians of Marin County. It is fortunate that I did so as it is now believed that they are extinct. Most of this material is technical; a good deal of it in the form of vocabularies. But to give a talk on the subject before the Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club is another matter. In the first place, I am an old man past my 76th milestone and naturally past the period of public speaking. Second, in case such a meeting proved practicable, how many persons would probably come? My house is small and the fern beds in front of the porch would afford a most undesirable platform for the audience -- at least from my point of view.

In any case it would be out of the question for me to arrange for anything of the sort before July as I shall be very busy in field work in various and remote parts of the state until and possibly beyond that date.

Very truly yours,

January 15, 1932.

Mr. C. A. Harwell  
Park Naturalist  
Yosemite, California

Dear Mr. Harwell:

You have had such unusual opportunities of observing the deer of Yosemite Valley, resident and migrant, that I should be obliged if you will kindly give me the benefit of your knowledge on the subject.

Many years ago I photographed a Mule Deer buck near Little Yosemite. He was larger than the small typical californicus but smaller than the Rocky Mountain and Nevada Mule Deer. Do you know how far north of Yosemite these ~~Mule Deer~~ range?

Do the coast Blacktails (columbianus) reach south to Yosemite?

And what have you observed in the way of seasonal presence or absence to denote what deer are permanent residents and what occur only or mainly during migration or in winter?

I have looked for a general statement of this kind in 'Yosemite Nature Notes', but if it occurs, I have overlooked it. The subject certainly seems worthy of permanent record.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



Jan. 14, 1932

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Please pardon my delay in repaying  
the \$500. advanced from the Harriman Fund for my  
field expenses in California last season. I am en-  
closing it herewith by check on the National Metro-  
politan Bank of this city.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



January 25, 1932.

Mr. Jesse L. Nusbaum, Director  
Laboratory of Anthropology  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Nusbaum:

Immediately after my return from California I received a wire from you, followed by a letter, in regard to a contemplated visit by Mrs. J. H. Poole who wished to examine my collection of Indian baskets.

I am planning to return to my field work in California early in March, for which reason it would be necessary for Mrs. Poole to come before that time or postpone her visit until the late fall.

It is several years since I visited the old Museum in Santa Fe, and I hope to see it again, possibly on my way back to Washington next fall.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

January 25, 1932.

Mr. Edmund Heller  
Zoological Park  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

My dear Heller:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging receipt of the December number of your 'Park Bulletin' with its attractive picture of a Polar and a Black Bear playing together about the same tree without apparent hostility.

I am amazed at the size of your bear collection and the extremely large number of species represented. If you ever happen to have an old male Kadiak Bear with its domed head, I should greatly appreciate a photograph of it. The individuals in our Zoo alleged to be this species, during the last 20 years, have turned out to be either females or males of gyas from Alaska Peninsula. The same is true of the New York Zoo, or was up to the time of my last visit several years ago.

With best wishes for your continued success,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*



January 25, 1932.

Miss Miriam S. Mockford  
Library, Roosevelt Wild Life Station  
New York State College of Forestry  
Syracuse, New York

Dear Miss Mockford:

Your letter of December ninth offering to exchange publications of the Roosevelt Wild Life Station for separates of my publications reached me duly, but I have only recently found time to pick out a set for you.

You express especial interest in my 'Vertebrates of the Adirondacks'. This, as you know, is a very rare publication and one, so far as I know, of which only 2 copies remain. I am sending you by express prepaid one of these along with the others.

I am returning also your list of publications and have marked in red those of which I should be glad to receive copies.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

January 25, 1932.

Dr. Witmer Stone  
Academy of Sciences  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Stone:

Replying to your urgent letter of the 22nd instant in regard to the apparently critical condition of the 'Auk', I assure you that I approve your suggestion to omit the list of members from the April number. Under the circumstances, this seems the only thing to do.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Stone,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



January 25, 1932.

Mr. Buford L. Fox  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Bakersfield, California

Dear Mr. Fox:

Thanks for your interesting letter of January 5 giving me much additional information in regard to the present status of the Tulare Elk. I had no idea that so many of these animals were still in existence, and that the problem of their disposition is so acute.

I hope that means for the establishment of the proposed game farm for these elk in the Button Willow area may still be forthcoming.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. [Signature]*



January 26, 1932.

Mr. O. P. Austin  
Secretary, National Geographic Society  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Austin:

Replying to your letter of yesterday would say that I shall be glad to have bills sent me in succeeding years for annual dues (and magazine) for Miss Beth Abbott, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,

January 26, 1932.

Mr. Wendley Hunter  
Flushing, Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Thank you for your letter of the 12th instant enclosing an interesting photograph of Selous. I am very glad to have this and appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it.

You are fortunate in having photographs of so many good men whose names must always be associated with the far North, but I cannot understand why you want mine as it has no place in this category. However, I am sending one by this mail and regret that it is so large, but I have no others.

- With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



January 26, 1932.

Mr. Gene Weltfish  
Columbia University  
New York City

Dear Mr. Weltfish:

Your article in the latest 'Anthropologist' on problems in the study of Ancient and Modern Basket-makers interests me greatly.

In case you have separates of this article or of any previous papers on basketry, I should appreciate the favor if you would kindly send me copies.

Should you ever happen to visit Washington during the winter months, I should be much pleased to show you my basket collection. Though an old man, I spend at least 6 months of each year working among the Indians of California and Nevada, and since I have been doing this for more than half a century, I have accumulated quite a lot of interesting material.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



January 27, 1932.

Dr. Kenneth Gordon  
Oregon State Agricultural College  
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Doctor Gordon:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th instant in regard to the photographs.

Of these I have selected 18 which I shall be obliged if you will kindly enlarge to the 3 1/4 x 4 1/4 prints at \$.75 each with right of publication (not exclusive). It is doubtful if I live to publish any of these, but I should like the privilege just the same.

Kindly write the name and locality on the back of one of each animal.

In the case of the Fremont Red Squirrel perched on a rock, the picture would be much more effective if the lower half only were enlarged.

Will remit on receipt of the prints.

Very truly yours,

*K. Gordon*

January 27, 1932.

Dr. Gayle Pickwell  
San Jose Teachers College  
San Jose, California

Dear Doctor Pickwell:

Your photographs of the stored acorns and the Nighthawk received, for which I am obliged. My check for \$4.00 in payment is enclosed herewith.

In pictures showing protective coloration, as in the case of the Nighthawk, it is better to show more of the ground on which the subject is resting as this increases the illusion making it more difficult to see the animal.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*G. Pickwell*



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Jan. 30, 1932

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the  
month of January, which kindly pay from the Harriman  
Fund as usual; also Salary voucher for Miss Eleanor  
Golden, stenographer, for the same period, \$100.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Expense account for January 1932.

Jan. 2	Journal Wash. Acad. Sc. for 1932	5	00
Jan. 4	Pearl Environment & Life' 1.00; Stamped envelopes 2.36	3	36
Jan. 4	Allen's press clippings for Dec.	4	03
Jan. 7	Black mounting board; manila envelopes	2	30
Jan. 8	Photo album, .75; rubber bands, .20		95
Jan. 7	Fred Lockley, 'Religions of World', 1. 75; Ellison 'Fort Bridger', 1.50; Wyeth 'Correspondence and Journals' 4.00	7	25
Jan. 8	Am. Anthropologist for 1932	6	00
Jan. 8	Bull. Zoo. Soc. N. Y.	1	50
Jan. 11	'The Murrelet' Pac. Bird Soc. for 1932	2	00
Jan. 13	Redwood League for 1932	2	00
Jan. 13	Kenton 'Indians of N. Am.' (2 vols)	4	25
Jan. 14	New A. O. U. Check List Birds	4	00
Jan. 14	Robins Camera Shop, 3 albums, .75	2	25
Jan. 16	4 daylight saving lamps	2	00
Jan. 16	Binding thread, .44; pen points, .20		64
Jan. 20	2 boxes mending tape, .45		90
Jan. 22	Fuller & d'Albert, 3 rolls Leica film, 2.70; developing, .35; printing, .23	3	28
Jan. 25	Gayle Pickwell, 2 enlarged photos, 2.00 Woodpecker acorns & Nighthawk on gravel	4	00
Jan. 26	Express: Roosevelt Wild Life Sta., Syracuse, N.Y.	1	66
	Bus & taxi fares Jan.	1	90
	Ameri can Forests for 1932	4	00
	Am Nature Magazine "	3	00
	Science "	6	00
	Calif. Historical Mag "	10	00
	Audubon Soc., D.C. "	1	00
	Phone for January \$6.90	1/3	2 30
	Gas for January \$6.90	1/3	2 30
	Electric current for Jan. \$7.52	1/3	2 50
	Shell Fuel Oil for Jan. 170 gals @ 6 \$10.20	1/3	3 40
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February 3, 1932

Mr. Arthur Woodward  
Curator of History  
Los Angeles Museum  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Replying to your letter of January 28, would say that, as you doubtless know, there is still difference of opinion as to just where Drake landed.

Personally, I have accepted the usual identification as the neighborhood of Drakes Bay on the south side of Point Reyes Peninsula. But Wagner thinks it was much farther north. However, I am unable to believe that it was in Pomo territory.

Feather and shell baskets, on which you appear to place much stress, were made at various points in the coast region, south of Pomo territory.

I fail to see why you mention Tolowa in this connection, as they were snug up against the Oregon line (their south border being quite a distance north of the mouth of the Klamath river); and the Karok and Hoopa were far inland, never approaching the coast.

I have not taken the matter up in recent years, having previously satisfied myself that the Drake description fits the accepted locality better than any other.

It is good to know that you are constructing "fifty miniature groups" representing the high lights in California's history.

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These certainly will be of great value, provided there is sufficient basis of fact for the reconstructions.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

February 3, 1932

Dear Mrs. Harriman:

On receiving your inquiry about the Curtiss folio work on North American Indians, I telephoned the Smithsonian librarian, and am told that there are twenty volumes in the set and that the work is now complete.

It would seem that the No. 10 of your set means that it was the tenth set in order of distribution.

With best wishes to you all,

Mrs. E. H. Harriman  
1 East Sixty-ninth Street  
New York City



February 3, 1932

Mr. Edmund Heller  
Director, Zoological Garden  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Heller:

Thanks for your letter of 1<sup>st</sup> instant.

I am more than delighted to know that you have two male Kadiak bears, captured as cubs in 1925.

If they really are middendorffi, not gyas, they should prove of enormous interest and I should greatly appreciate a profile photograph of them.

The point is this, the head of gyas is rather flat, the head of middendorffi rises immediately above the orbits and is highly domed. The skulls show this unmistakably but I have never seen a flesh photograph that showed it at all, and as I think you know, most of the zoo bears accredited to Kadiak Island really come from Alaska Peninsula.

Some of these days I hope to stop off and see you and your great zoo.

With best wishes from Mrs. Merriam and myself

As ever yours,

February 3, 1932

Dear Virginia:

We deeply sympathize with your maltreated finger and with you for being obliged to tote it twenty miles or more every day in order to have it attended to. We hope that by this time it is enough better so that you are not obliged to keep on travelling in order to save it.

Elizabeth and I were mighty sorry that we could not visit you before returning to Washington last fall. Am hoping for better luck this year. I plan to return to Death Valley in March in order to finish working before the heat becomes too great. It drove me out last spring.

Unfortunately I have no time nowadays for visiting, as I have on hand enough unfinished work to keep an ordinary person busy a life time and I am past seventy-seven, so you can imagine how I feel about it.

Elizabeth joins me in love to you and the big boy and to all our cousins in Merriam Valley.

As ever yours,



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February 3, 1932

Dr. L. Stejneger  
National Museum  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Stejneger:

Several years ago Morris M. Green, now of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, sent me to hold until he was permanently located, a set of sixteen quarto volumes on general natural history, the same being a Dutch edition of Buffon and Daubenton, Amsterdam 1773.

I wish to return these volumes to him and it occurs to me that you might like to examine them before they have gone.

There are numerous pen and ink annotations on the preliminary pages but I don't know who wrote them.

With best wishes to Mrs. Stejneger and yourself.

Very truly yours

*C. Hart Merriam*

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February 3, 1932

Professor B. M. Evermann  
Director, Academy of Sciences  
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Evermann:

A few days ago I was pleasantly surprised by the receipt of your Distributional list of "Fresh Water Fishes of California", with its numerous and most unusual list of localities where the various species occur.

It is good to know that in addition to your wonderful work of building up the Academy and Aquarium you still have time to do valuable technical work.

With best wishes to you and your several scientific associates

Ever yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



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Mr. Donald R. Dickey  
California Institute of Technology  
Pasadena, California

February 3, 1932

My dear Mr. Dickey:

Your letter of January 27 has just arrived.

I am pained to learn that your work has been so much interrupted by illness and sincerely trust that you are now permanently established on the up-hill climb.

I am glad you are sending van Rossem back into southern Nevada. It would be fine if you would continue bird and mammal work in Nevada until the inhabitants of the numerous isolated regions have been collected and recorded. Incidentally, you mention a ranch near Palm Springs where you stayed for a while. If this place is available for such as I, I might stop there for a few days when again working the Palm Springs Indians, which I hope to do during the coming spring. It is many years since I was there.

Last spring Mrs. Merriam and I visited Death Valley. She was there only a few days but I had a boy come down from northern Nevada and take me about in his car so that I was able to renew my acquaintance with the Vegas, Amargosa Desert, as well as Death, Panamint, and Owens Valleys, where I secured a good bit of additional vocabulary and other material from several tribes, especially the Death Valley Panamint. I am hoping to return to Death Valley in March in order to complete this work. Last year

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Mr. Donald R. Dickey

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I made the mistake of not going until April and was driven out by the heat before finishing the job.

Zenaida and her husband, M. W. Talbot, are pleasantly located in Berkley, only an hour and a half by auto from Lagunitas - so it is very convenient to spend Sundays with us. Zenaida has a fine boy a year and a half old.

With kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Dickey and yourself

Very truly yours,  
*C. H. Merriam*



February 3, 1932

Judge Fred A. Baker  
Sacramento Indian Agency  
Sacramento, California

Dear Judge Baker:

Many thanks for your promptness in replying to my recent letter inquiring about where you encountered a survivor of the Wimmelche tribe.

You have forgotten that in February 1929 you enumerated and registered an Indian in the vicinity of Clovis as a member of the "We-mal-chees" tribe.

It is the home location of that particular Indian that I am anxious to know.

Among approximately fifty thousand spellings of tribal names for California Indians, which I have tabulated during the past forty years, I find the following of this tribe (hyphens omitted): Wemalchees, Wemalches, Wemilche, Weemilchees, Wemolches, Wimilchi, Wimmelche, Wimmulche, Wimmahche.

You mention encountering a few "Intimpesches." You doubtless refer to the Entimbitch of Mill Valley, a few of whom are still alive. I obtained a very full vocabulary from this tribe many years ago and have since verified and augmented it by repeated visits. Your "Wacksaches" are the Wuksache of Eshom Valley. I would be particularly

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glad to receive the names and post office addresses of members of this tribe, as kindly offered in your letter. On reaching California in the spring, I will hunt them up, in order to verify and possibly augment my vocabulary of this little known tribe.

For years I have looked forward to the privilege of examining your list of tribal names in order to secure the addressed of survivors.

With best wishes and thanks for your kind interest.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. [Signature]*



February 3, 1932

Dr. Gene Weltfish  
267 Hillside Avenue  
Palisades Park, N. J.

Dear Miss Weltfish:

Thanks for your letter of the 1st instant and for your reprints which doubtless will arrive in a day or two.

My work in natural history began with insects more than sixty years ago.

My work in ethnology began with Indian baskets forty-six years ago. This latter interest soon developed the necessity for ethnological information which I did not possess and could not find in the literature, so that I began to collect all sorts of information from the Indians themselves.

As the study of basketry was in the lead for a number of years, it naturally as time went on had to assume a minor role; nevertheless, I am still very acutely interested in the subject and if I live long enough, expect to publish an illustrated volume on the basketry of the far West with special reference to California and Nevada. My collection from this region now numbers more than one thousand baskets, which I shall be very pleased to show you at any time you may be in this region.

With best wishes

*C. Hart Merriam*

February 3, 1932

Mr. George S. Hamilton  
Two Rivers, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Thanks for your letter of January 26.

Your bear certainly was a giant. If you will send it as proposed, I shall be very glad to measure it carefully, taking the complete set of dimensions and comparing same with those of our largest skull.

Please have it carefully wrapped and packed in a box addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. Agriculture, Washington, D.C., and write in the corner "For attention Dr. Merriam".

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



February 5, 1932

Mr. N. P. Skinner  
5840 John Avenue  
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Skinner:

Replying to your letter of January 30, I regret to say that it is out of the question for me to attempt to write anything for some time to come on the birds of Yellowstone. My report for the 1872 Expedition contains, so far as I remember, all I have published on birds of that region. In order to add anything I should have to dig out my journals, which I can not possibly do now as I am doing my best to finish a promised article on the "Bears" and get away to California in time to do more supplementary work in Death Valley and adjacent regions before the temperature climbs too high.

Regretting that I cannot help you now.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

February 5, 1932

Prof. J. McKeen Cattell  
Grand Central Terminal  
New York City

Dear Professor Cattell:

In response to your request I am enclosing herewith a list of names of 20 zoologists who seem entitled to be ranked among the 150 leading zoologists of the United States.

I have spent some time on this list and have had a good deal of difficulty in drawing the line so as to include only the most deserving.

The printed two-page list you sent me fails, for instance, to list D. S. Jordan, Robert Ridgway, and W. B. Scott who while not included in the list, nevertheless are included in the 4th edition of your "American Men of Science."

Furthermore, the printed list contains a considerable number of names of persons utterly unknown to me besides omitting a good many I should include.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



February 5, 1932

Mr. P. Martinelli

Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Thanks for your letter of the 1st instant telling me that you cut the big tree by the porch and burned the brush. I am very much obliged to you for doing this. Enclosed is my check for \$12.50 in payment.

It is good to know that you have had plenty of rain at Lagunitas. I suspected this from the fact that a good deal of rain has fallen in Brekeley according to letters from my daughter, Zeniada. We also have had plenty here.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kind regards to Geneva and all the rest of you.

Very truly yours,



Feb. 6, 1932

Hanover Bank, New York City

Dear Sirs:

The check in payment of interest on the Buffalo  
Water Bond, which for years has arrived on February 1,  
has not yet come to hand. What is the trouble?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



February 8, 1932

Editor  
"Field and Stream"

Dear Sir:

In the June 1930 issue of "Field and Stream" you published a very interesting contribution by Captain Paul A. Curtis, on a bear hunt in the upper Smoky River region of Alberta, illustrated by several photographs, one being the head-end of a long-nosed grizzly which he had the good fortune to kill.

I want to write Captain Curtis, but have been unable to find his address. I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly send it to me.

Very truly yours,

CHM:DK

February 8, 1932

Mr. Alfred M. Collins, President  
The Wilderness Club  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Collins:

The announcement of the annual dinner for February 27 is unusually attractive because of the interesting talks and pictures, for which reason I regret to feel obliged to decline.

I am now an old man past seventy-seven and for a number of years have found it necessary to abstain from anything of this sort. With regrets and best wishes.

Very truly yours,



February 8, 1932

Mr. John M. Holzworth  
52 Wall Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Holzworth:

Thanks for your tempting invitation to attend a big bear dinner at the University Club on the evening of February 16.

I should like enormously to see your colored motion pictures of the big bears and also to hear what you have to say, but, as I think you know, I am unfortunately far too old to indulge in such exhausting frivolities as dinners. With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:DK

February 8, 1932

Mrs. Laura B. Law  
Altadena, California

Dear Mrs. Law:

Your letter of the first instant is a severe disappointment, as both Mrs. Merriam and I had hoped you would be with us at Lagunitas during the coming season. But I realize the many pressing difficulties likely to beset you in settling your estate affairs.

I am planning to visit Death Valley on my way to California before the temperature climbs too high, and shall probably get a young man from northern Nevada to meet me with his car. In connection with this trip I hope to visit several points in the adjacent region before proceeding to Lagunitas, which will be my base during the summer.

I shall then need a secretary-stenographer for the remainder of the season--probably about five months--and had hoped that you would be able to come. With regards and best wishes from us both.

Very truly yours,

CHM:DK



February 10, 1932

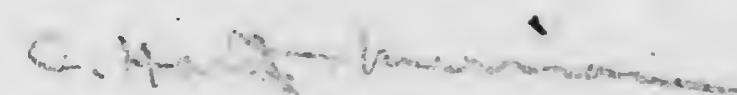
Public Printer  
Government Printing Office  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed is my check for \$5 for which please send  
copies of Secretary Wilbur's recent work on Conservation  
to the following:

Mrs. Zenaida Talbot, 2672 Hilgard Ave, Berkeley, Calif.  
Mrs. H. D. Abbot, 6 Berkeley Place, Cambridge, Mass.  
Arch. M. Gilbert, Bolinas, California  
Lyman Merriam, 10 Emwilton Place, Ossining, New York  
*Miss Ellen Carpenter, Weaverly, California*

Very truly yours,



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February 10, 1932

Dauber and Pine  
66 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for recent book-list. Please send me from  
this catalogue,

"Dogs, Their History and Development", by E. C. Ash, price.....	\$17.50
"Tobacco, The Pipe Book", by Alfred Dunhill..	\$ 3.50
	<del>\$21.00</del>
less 20% discount.....	4.20
	<del>\$16.80</del>

Please send them to me at 1919 16th Street N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

CHM:DK



February 10, 1932

The Smith Book Company  
914 Union Central Bldg.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Please send me the following:

Camels. Report of Secretary of War, respecting  
purchase of Camels for military transportation. Svo. cloth  
Washington, 1857. Price \$1.25.

Please send this booklet to me at 1919 16th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Marvin*

CHM:DK

February 10, 1932

Dr. Cloyd H. Marvin, President  
Georgetown University  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Marvin:

Your letter of the 6th instant, inviting me to take  
part in a conference on teaching anthropology in your  
University, was sent to the Biological Survey, from which  
I resigned twenty-two years ago, for which reason it  
did not reach me until the day after the meeting.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Marvin*

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February 10, 1932

Mr. Paul G. Reddington, Chief  
Biological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Reddington:

The inclosed envelope is an example of a number that I have received during the last year, which, although plainly addressed to me, were opened in the Biological Survey before forwarding.

Is there any reason why my letters sent to a former address should be opened and read before sending to my address, wellknown to the Survey?

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

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February 11, 1932

Mr. Ralph Hoffman, Director  
Santa Barbara Museum  
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Your recent letter gives me double pleasure, first to hear from you after so many years, second to know that the good people of Santa Barbara have had the good sense to make you Director of their new Museum.

Thanks for convincing information in regard to the bear in question. The claw tracing is of course unmistakable, but the man who furnished the original information must have had an elastic imagination to get the enormous weight he had. The same seems to be true of one or two bears killed in the northern part of the state during the past fall or early winter.

It is interesting to know that you are preparing a Grizzly bear group. I don't understand how you got the necessary material. But as to early records for your leaflet, I hardly know what to say as you are already familiar with the principal sources of information aside from early newspapers. One book you apparently have not seen is Bledsoe's Indian Wars of the Northwest, published in San Francisco in 1885. It is devoted mainly to Humboldt County and contains a very detailed account of a most serious encounter with a bunch of

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Grizzly bears by the discoverers of Humboldt Bay--the Gregg party. One of them--a man by the name of Wood, was terribly mangled. You will find the detailed and rather thrilling account of this unhappy episode on pages 93-101 of Bledsoe's book.

Several of the County Histories of California have more or less to say about Grizzlies in the early days. Both Bancroft and Hittell have a good deal about them, and the index of the fourth volume of Hittell's History gives easy access to a number of important records.

The Tejon region was a notorious center of abundance for big Grizzlies. They were very destructive to cattle in this region and several white men and Indians were killed by them.

The huge Grizzly of southern California, Ursus magister, which I described in 1914 from a pair killed in the Santa Ana (or Trabuco) Mountains, was a notorious cattle killer.

When in San Diego County in 1891, I learned from my Uncle, Major Gustavus F. Merriam, that some of his apiaries had been raided by big bears and that a short time previously a number of hives had been carried off and smashed in order to get at the honey by a monster Grizzly in the neighborhood (if I remember correctly) of Palomar Mountains--but I am not sure about the locality.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:DK



February 10, 1932

Professor Tracy Storer  
Agric. Experimental Station  
Davis, California

Dear Dr. Storer:

A recent newspaper clipping states that you have found bones of early native California dogs and that they indicate relationship with dogs of the old world. Can this be true?

I did not land in California early enough to see any of the aboriginal dogs, but from old Indians in several parts of the state I have learned that the dogs they knew in childhood came from one of two sources, coyotes or gray foxes.

I am glad to learn from a recent letter from my daughter Zensida and her husband, M. W. Talbot, that they paid you a brief call during one of their late trips.

With best wishes to Mrs. Storer and yourself.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:DK

February 11, 1932

Mr. C. A. Harwell  
Park Naturalist  
Yosemite

Dear Mr. Harwell:

Inclosed is my check of \$2 for renewal of subscription to an extra copy of Yosemite Nature Notes for ensuing year.

In the February number which arrived this morning, I am sorry to see that the Editor, in printing the scientific name of the California woodpecker, used caps for both specific and sub-specific names.

You are a very busy man, but I trust you will find time in the near future to record your observations on the distribution of deer in your part of the Sierra, as requested in my letter of January 15.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:DK  
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February 11, 1932

Mr. Kenneth S. Agerter  
Northwestern University  
Evansville, Illinois

My dear Mr. Agerter:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to me at the Biological Survey, from which I resigned twenty-two years ago, would say that inasmuch as it is sixty years since I visited the Yellowstone I do not remember details sufficiently to reply to your question. The region, however, abounds in subjects worthy of investigation—such as the habits and movements of different animals at different times of the year.

I notice that you are wedded to the term "Ecology". Just what that means I have never quite understood. I am an old man and have found the English language sufficient to express my meaning without recourse to new-fangled terms.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:DK



February 11, 1932

Miss Miriam S. Mockford, Secretary  
Roosevelt Wild Life Exper. Station  
Syracuse, New York

Dear Miss Mockford:

Thanks for the packages of publications of the  
Roosevelt Wild Life Station recently received. I had  
thought from your printed list that there were separates  
of the individual articles, apart from the volumes.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM:DK

February 8, 1932

Captain Paul A. Curtis  
Field and Stream  
New York City

My dear Sir:

For the past half century I have been very much interested  
in our American bears, and for fully forty-five years have been  
collecting information about them including clippings, and also  
have spent a great deal of time and money in bringing together  
the largest collection of bear skulls in the world---a collection  
now numbering more than two thousand skulls, all of which are  
in the National Museum here in Washington.

In looking over some of the hunting articles in the sports-  
men's magazines, I find in "Field and Stream" of June 1930 an  
account of your interesting hunt in the upper Smoky country.  
In this article you published a photograph of the head-end of  
a big grizzly, which you had the great fortune to kill at  
rather close range. Your photograph shows this bear to have  
apparently an unusually long snout. I am wondering if you  
preserved the skull, and if so, if you would be willing to loan  
it to me for comparison with some in our collection. If so I  
should be glad to give you directions for shipment.

Very truly yours,



February 13, 1932

Mr. Jesse L. Nusbaum, Director  
Laboratory of Anthropology  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Nusbaum:

Thanks for your letter of January 28 enclosing a most interesting account of the work and prospects of your new Anthropological Laboratory. I had supposed that it was located in the old Plaza Museum.

I am deeply pained to learn of the death of Mrs. Pool. It is a matter of deep regret that she died before completing the good work she was contemplating for your museum.

It is possible, though by no means certain, that I may be here at the time of your visit about the middle of March. I have been planning to finish work this spring with the Panamint Indians in Death Valley and adjacent region, and to avoid the excessive heat should be in the field early in March, but just now it is impossible to say just when I can get away from here.

You surely are to be congratulated on the splendid foundation Mr. Rockefeller has given your Museum and I earnestly hope that the progress you will have made by the end

of 1934 will result in a permanent endowment fund.

It would be a great thing if your laboratory, in connection with various other museums and students of archeology, could get together and exert sufficient influence to persuade the various States containing valuable sites, to pass a uniform law penalizing the pilfering of archeological materials. I realize the practical difficulties of enforcing such a law, but if the several States would cooperate and take the trouble to impress their county officers with the urgent necessity of preserving this material, a good beginning might be made.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Feb. 15, 1932.

Dear Jimmy Finders:

So you are collecting autographs! Well, it's better to collect autographs than old tin cans, but better still to collect bugs, butterflies, or birds and mice and other small mammals.

In other words, it's far better for a boy to interest himself in animals or plants or both, than in people and the marks they make on paper.

Best wishes,

Jimmy Finders,  
Menston, Wisconsin.

February 16, 1932

Mr. W. H. Burt  
551 South Hill Avenue  
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Burt:

Thanks for yours of the 8th inst. It is splendid to know that you have had such a successful trip among the islands of the Gulf. I am not surprised to know that you found undescribed forms on several. Probably you didn't see any Indians unless you visited Tiburon.

Kindest regards to Mr. Dickey, and with best wishes for yourself.

Very truly yours,

Was greatly pleased with your Nevada work.



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Best wishes,

C. Hartman

Jimmy Finders,

Manston, Wisconsin.

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C. Hartman

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February 16, 1932

Mr. C. A. Harwell  
Park Naturalist  
Yosemite, Calif.

Dear Mr. Harwell:

Thanks for your letter of February 11.

During your many years in and adjacent to Yosemite you must have seen many deer many times. Yet, instead of telling me what species you have yourself observed, you refer me to Grinnell, Bryant, and others with whom I am already familiar!

What I particularly want to know is whether or not you yourself have seen both the Coast Blacktail and some form of the Mule Deer--both, or only one; and if both occur, whether they are there together during the same period, or at different times of the year.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

February 16, 1932

Dr. Gilbert Grosvener, President  
National Geographic Society

Dear Dr. Grosvener:

Very many thanks for the useful Cumulative Index to the National Geographic Magazine, along with the supplement for 1926-1931-- most useful additions to my library. I am obliged also for the handsome bound volumes of the Magazine for the year 1931. These with their numerous interesting illustrations and accompanying articles are not only pleasant reading from month to month but a prolific source of information on various parts of the world.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



February 13, 1932

Capt. Paul A. Curtis  
Field and Stream Office  
578 Madison Avenue  
New York City

My dear Captain Curtis:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 16th instant.

I am more than delighted to know that you have the skull of the long-snouted Grizzly and look forward eagerly to its examination, in comparison with others from the general region from which it came.

Kindly have it securely packed and shipped by express, charges collect, address U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. and mark, 'For attention Dr. Merriam.'

Thanking you for your promptness and courtesy,

Very truly yours,

C. Hartshorn



February 23, 1932

Mr. W. H. White, Secretary  
Biological Society of Washington  
Department of Agriculture

Dear Mr. White:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th instant informing me that at a meeting of the Biological Society on January 9, I was "elected an emeritus member."

Just what does this mean? I assume that it is not a derogatory title or it would hardly have been applied to a man of my age and inoffensive habits. But upon looking it up in the dictionary I find that it means nothing worse than an old fogy. However, whatever it may mean, I am disposed to accept, and imagine it would be proper under the circumstances to express appreciation.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

M/E

*merriam*



February 25, 1932

Mr. M. B. Tillotson, Superintendent  
Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona

Dear Mr. Tillotson:

Thanks for your letter of the 19th instant telling me about the formation of your Grand Canyon Natural History Association and notifying me that I had been named a member of the Advisory Council, assigned to the field of Ethnology. While I appreciate the compliment, I must call your attention immediately to the fact that this is an exaggerated case of misfit.

I know practically nothing of the Ethnology of Arizona except in the case of some of the Colorado River tribes--nothing at all from personal work on the Apache, Hopi, HavaSupi, Maricopa, Navaho, Papago, Pima, Walapi, or Yavapi. In other words, my knowledge of the subject is dilute, scattered, and mainly second hand. My contacts with the Arizona Indians have been limited to brief visits with the Hopi, HavaSupi, Mohave, Yuma, and Chemewave; and except in the case of the Mohave and Chemewave have amounted to next to nothing.

Therefore, in view of my manifest unfitness for this position, I beg you to strike out my name

Tillotson, 2.

and replace it with those of John P. Harrington and Dr. William Duncan Strong, both at present in the Smithsonian Institution. Harrington has already published on several of the tribes; Dr. Strong (the younger of the two) has published on the lower Colorado tribes and is about to enlarge his field to cover other parts of the state. Both are competent men.

If you will pardon another suggestion, I feel impelled to call your attention to the fact that in your Advisory Council in Archeology you do not mention one of the three outstanding authorities on the Archeology of Arizona, namely: Earl H. Morris and Dr. E. V. Kidder of the Carnegie Institution, and Neil M. Judd of the Smithsonian--the three preeminent scholars in this field.

Very truly yours,

M/B



February 25, 1932

Mr. Kenneth Gordon  
State Agricultural College  
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Thank you for your letter of the 19th  
instant enclosing the <sup>18</sup>photographs asked for. Most of  
them are excellent and I am very glad to have them.

Enclosed herewith is my check for \$13.50  
in payment.

Very truly yours,

*L. H. S. [Signature]*

M/E

February 25, 1932

Mr. Francis Harper, Corresponding Secretary  
American Society of Mammalogists

Dear Mr. Harper:

Enclosed is a check for \$1.00 for  
which please send me one copy of the February 1932  
issue of the Journal of Mammalogy.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. [Signature]*

Mr. Francis Harper  
205 Dickinson Avenue  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania



February 26, 1932

Fuller and d'Albert  
815 Tenth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosed I am handing you twenty-four Leica negatives, and contact prints from the roll you developed a day or two ago. On these prints I have stricken out those not wanted.

Please make one print each  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$ .

I am handing you also an undeveloped roll Eastman No. 120, from which make one contact print each.

Kindly return all prints and negatives  
to my address 1919 Sixteenth Street.

Very truly yours,

*C. K. H. Harrison*

M/H



February 26, 1932

Mr. E. Raymond Hall  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Hall:

Kindly pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of January 11, with accompanying carbon of your interesting and valuable report on field work in Nevada to determine the method and effect of poisoning predatory mammals. You surely have brought together an interesting lot of information, much of which I assume you will publish sooner or later.

Since the receipt of this material I have been under such relentless pressure that it has been difficult for me to complete the reading and make proper acknowledgment; part of the trouble is due to the strain on my eyes in reading your carbon.

I am returning your report herewith and appreciate your courtesy in letting me read it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart Merriam*

M/H



March 2, 1932.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for month of  
February amounting to \$164.43 along with salary  
voucher for Miss Lois M. Hall amounting to \$26.67  
which please pay from the Harriman fund as usual.

Very truly yours

*C. Hart Merriam*

C. Hart Merriam

1919-16th St.

Expense account for month of February 1932.

Feb. 3	Angela Fitzgerald, Steno., 1 day	1	5	00
4	American Folk-Lore Soc. Memoir 1932		6	50
9	Scientific Monthly for 1932		5	00
10	Dauber and Pine, Dog Book by Edward C. Ash, 2 Vols. and the Pipe Book by Alfred Dunhill		16	80
10	Allen's Press Clippings, Calif. Indians for Jan.	2	5	85
13	Mary V. Marraffa, Services steno., 6 days	3	21	00
13	Mrs. Drusilla W. Kirby, Services steno., 1 wk.	4	25	00
13	Winifred White, Services stenot., 2 days	5	7	00
20	Margaret Longstreet, Services typist 5 days	6	17	50
	Supt. Docs., Wilbur's Conservation, 2 copies		2	00
	Biological Proceedings for 1932		3	00
25	Jad. Journal Mammalogy for 1932		1	00
	Yosemite Nature Notes for 1932		2	00
28	Overland Monthly, May 1872		1	00
28	Kenneth Gordon, Corvallis, Ore., 18 photos of mammals	13	50	
29	Chas. G. Stott & Co., mailing envelopes, pencils etc.	2	85	
	Fuller & D'Albert Developing and Printing Photos	3	04	
	Street Car and Bus Fares		80	
	Telephone for Feb. 5. 75	8	1	91
	Gas for Feb. 5.37	9	1	79
	Electric Current for Feb. 5.47	10	1	82
	Shell Fuel Oil for Feb. 25.80		8	60
	Postage Feb.		4	47
	Cleaning Office Rooms Month Jan., 3.50, Feb., 3.50		7	00
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*C. Hart Merriam*



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March 2, 1932.

Fuller & d'Albert, Inc.  
815 Tenth Street  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check of \$3.04 in payment of  
your bill for developing and printing Leica films.

Am pained to find that the prints from the  
film are the poorest I have ever seen. A number  
indicated for printing were left out altogether,  
and many of the prints of clear good negatives  
are so blurry and nasty as to be utterly useless.

Very truly yours

*C. H. d'Albert*

842

March 3, 1932.

Eastman Kodak Co  
607 - 14th St.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am handing you a roll of Leica  
negatives from which please make one print each  
2½ X 3½ of all that are worth printing.

Very truly yours

*C. H. d'Albert*



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*C. Hartman*

Retake of Preceding Frame



March 4, 1932

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Thanks for your letter of February 26, which is of much interest to Mrs. Merriam and me. You do not need to be told that we are always glad to hear from you and about any of your good and interesting family.

The matter of the Death Valley trip is giving me much concern, for the reason that it is utterly impossible for me at present to fix the date. I ought to be there now, but don't see how I can possibly get away much before the end of the month, which of course is unfortunate. Up to yesterday I had hoped that Talbot could take a week's leave, as he had planned, but now comes a letter regretting that this is impossible.

So, as nearly as I figure it out now, I am likely to go by rail to Mesquite and thence by bus to the Furnace Creek Hotel. In that case I expect to induce the young man from Nevada who came for me in his car last year, to do the same this spring. Will let you know as soon as plans are a little more definite, and shall be glad to know when you know just what you can do.

My delay has been and is caused by work on the Bears. I've been working over the old MS of my Bear book--put away many years ago. For unhappily I promised an article on Bears for a volume to be published by the New York big game people.

Dr. Harvey Hall is still at the hospital and in such a condition that his recovery is doubtful. Mrs. Hall has been with us for some time, and of course will stay until the end. We are very much disheartened at the probability of losing so fine a man and friend, and one whose work in science is of so much consequence.

Zenaida, Talbot, and the enthusiastic youngster seem to be flourishing at present, although both Z. and T. have recently had the "flu".

With love to you all from Elizabeth and myself.

As ever yours,

Dr. Barclay Stephens  
Alameda, California



March 4, 1932

Mr. Donald R. Dickey  
Pasadena, California

My dear Mr. Dickey:

Thanks for your letter of February 22. I am glad to have the information you give in regard to the ranch. As I am not addicted to "Dude Ranches" I shall be glad to adopt your suggestion and find rooms in the Palm Springs settlement. I had planned to get out there before this, but pressure of unfinished work still makes the date of departure uncertain.

A few days ago I sent you a copy of my address on "Roosevelt the Naturalist". As you may see, I availed myself of the opportunity to express some of my feelings in regard to the modern tendencies in Biological instruction.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 4, 1932

Professor Tracy I. Storer  
College of Agriculture  
Davis, California

Dear Professor Storer:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th instant in regard to dogs. In writing you the other day I think I forgot to mention that some of the Indians north of the Bay region told me many years ago of a small dog with erect ears. At that time, I had no idea what this might be, but I have learned from other tribes that gray foxes were domesticated. I feel that there can be little doubt about their identity with this fox, which is so common in the North Bay region. It's a pity more bones of prehistoric Indian dogs from California have not been collected and studied.

With best wishes to Mrs. Storer and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Original Defective



March 4, 1932

Mr. A. J. Van Dusen  
 Manager  
 Indian Reservation

Dear Mr. Van Dusen:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me photographs of some Indians which you took on Long Bay. I am always glad to get photographs of Indians, and am particularly pleased to have those of a tribe of which so few have been taken. To give without saying that I shall appreciate the prints you offer me, shall I keep them or return them to you?

It is also interesting to know that as many as 12 of these people are still extant. It is too bad that they are hanging around a white settlement, for this of course means rapid deterioration and departure from original customs.

Very truly yours,

C. B. [Signature]

Original Defective



Mar 4, 1932

Mr. A. Van Dusen  
 Honolulu  
 T.H. 1000

Dear Mr. Van Dusen:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending  
 me photographs of these Indians which you took  
 at Laysan Bay. I am always glad to get photographs  
 of Indians, and am particularly pleased to have  
 those of a tribe of which so few have been taken.  
 It goes without saying that I shall appreciate the  
 prints you offer me. Until I hear from you or return  
 home to you.

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 bad that they are hanging around a white settlement.  
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 departure from original customs.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Smith

Retake of Preceding Frame



March 4, 1932

Dear Nelson:

You slipped away so quietly that I did not learn of it until later.

Just now I want to congratulate you on having finished the "Shiras Volumes". These have been a great drain on your time and strength--one that I fully appreciate, especially at our time of life.

Now that this tremendous job is behind you, and after you have rested a bit, I most sincerely hope that you will continue your important works on Lower California and Mexico.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Dr. E. W. Nelson  
Orosi, California

March 4, 1932

Captain Paul A. Curtis  
Field and Stream  
578 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Captain Curtis:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me your bear skull, and more particularly for the privilege of adding it to our collection in the National Museum. I shall have it entered in the museum catalogue as a donation from you. It is an immature male, probably about four years old. I shall take it to the museum to compare with our skulls from adjacent country, and will let you know the result.

Thanks also for your offer to lend me the hide, but I would not have time <sup>now</sup> to make the necessary comparison, as I am much rushed in getting ready to go to California for the season's field work. But in regard to your photographs of this bear, I would appreciate any you were thoughtful enough to take, as these are very useful in my work.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Will you kindly send me the data, locality and date, for the skull label and Museum Catalogue



*Wrote him again March 25  
that I had changed my mind  
and would not meet him at Hagerman  
again*

March 5, 1932

Mr. Claude Mills  
Fallon, Nevada

Dear Mr. Mills:

Again I am figuring on going to Death Valley,  
but not for long, and am wondering whether you  
would again like to "tote" me about from place to  
place in your car.

I shall probably go to Furnace Creek by rail  
and stage and if you can meet me there as before,  
would like to try again to find the Indian at  
Steamboat Springs, and thence go to Ballarat; then  
returning to Death Valley and Amargosa, proceed north  
to Piper's in Fish Lake Valley, and thence to Benton  
and northern Owens Valley.

The exact date of starting from Washington is un-  
certain, as I am still working on MS that must be fin-  
ished before leaving, but I expect to reach Furnace  
Creek about the first of April.

Please write me whether or not you would like to  
make this trip with me.

With best wishes to your mother and sister.

Very truly yours,  
*Charles D. Mearns*



*Write him again March 30  
that I had changed my mind  
and would not visit at Death Valley  
C. M.*

March 5, 1932

Mr. Claude Mills  
Fallen, Nevada

Dear Mr. Mills:

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Very truly yours,  
*C. M. Merriam*

Retake of Preceding Frame



March 7, 1932

Mr. Prentiss N. Gray  
183rd St. & Southern Blvd.  
Bronx, New York City

My dear Mr. Gray:

I am assuming that you have now returned to America and that you will soon be starting with the big game book.

After working on the bears for more than two months along the lines suggested by your letters, I have arrived at the conclusion that such a treatment to be worth anything at all would have to occupy several times more space than that allotted, and even so would be of very little value. For this reason I have tried to prepare an article about the American bears which would tell the truth--not be open to differences of opinion--and at the same time would be of value to many of your readers. This I expect to forward in a day or two.

Trusting that you had a successful trip on the other side,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

M/H

March 7, 1932

Dear J C :

You thought you could send me a brief memorandum of the localities where specimens of Arctotherium have been found in North America. If you can do this without too much trouble I shall appreciate the favor.

Also: What is your Indarctos of the John Day?

Has Tremarctos been found in North America?

Do you recognize Leidy's Leptarctos?

What is Evacrtos?

Am I correct in the belief that Ursus, Hyaenarctos, and Indarctos originated in Eurasia; Arctotherium and Tremarctos in America?

Very truly yours,

Dr. J. C. Merriam  
Carnegie Institution  
Washington, D. C.

I assume that Hyaenarctos and Indarctos are Old-World forms antecedent to Ursus and more or less stepping-up from the dog to the bear.

M/H



March 9, 1932

Mr. Frederick K. Vreeland  
90 West Street  
New York

My dear Mr. Vreeland:

Referring to your letter of yesterday, would say that I am glad to hear from you again, and particularly in the matter of the establishment of a Preserve for Alaska Big Bears. In view of all the determining circumstances it seems to me that Admiralty Island is the only available area for a Bear Preserve; and, if I am correctly informed, the western coast of this island has already been given over to commercial interests. However enough seems to be left for a splendid reservation.

Admiralty undoubtedly has the largest number of species of Big Bears, and by far the largest number of individuals of any equal area in the world; and, if I am correctly informed, it is the only tract reasonably free from commercial occupation.

You mention the matter as a Preserve for "the Alaska Brown Bears". Recent reexamination of specimens in our National Museum leads me to abandon the use of the term 'Brown Bear' for any considerable number of these bears, the Grizzly greatly outnumbering the Browns on the islands and coast mainland of Southeastern Alaska.

Very truly yours,

M/H

March 9, 1932

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Treasurer  
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Many thanks for your letter of the 8th instant transmitting your usual statement of receipts and disbursements on account of the Harriman Trust Fund for the year ended December 31, 1931.

Very truly yours,

M/H



March 9, 1932

Mr. Douglas Leechman, Editor  
Canadian Field Naturalist  
Ottawa, Canada

My dear Sir:

The March number of the Canadian Field Naturalist arrived a day or two ago, and as usual contains much matter of interest. But only one copy came. For many years I have been receiving two copies. Some years ago I sent payment for two copies but was promptly informed that one copy was always sent me because of my membership; so that for several years I have been paying only \$2.00 each year for the two copies. My check of \$2.00 for the current volume was mailed on Dec. 15 last.

I am entirely willing to pay for two copies, but wish to make sure that they are received.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. M. Leechman*

M/H



Mr. Albert M. Johnson  
 Bonnie Clara, Nevada  
 discontinued  
 My dear Sir:

March 12, 1932

Early in April I expect to return to Death Valley in the hope of obtaining additional information from the Panamint and Southern Piute Indians of that region. I have already worked with these tribes at intervals during four different years, and have accumulated a good deal of valuable material.

Forty years ago I had charge of the Government Expedition to Death Valley and neighboring deserts, and visited the valley again last April. Have also worked with Indians at Olancho, Keeler, and Darwin. Was told that some Indians are living near your castle, and the Death Valley Panamint Shoshone say that these Indians do not belong to their tribe. I am anxious therefore to do some work with them, which probably can be completed in two or three days.

I am taking the liberty to ask if you will allow me to make your place my headquarters during this work. I expect to have a young man along to look after the car.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

Duplicate sent to 29 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

March 12, 1932

Mr. C. A. Harwell  
 Park Naturalist  
 Yosemite, California

Dear Mr. Harwell:

Thanks for your letter dated March 3.

I am glad to see that you have some records of your own for the occurrence of deer in Yosemite, and that you have found both species there.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M/H



March 12, 1932

Major Robert Y. Stuart  
Forest Service  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Major Stuart:

Pardon me for taking the liberty to inquire whether there is any objection on the part of the Forest Service to the setting aside of Admiralty Island, or at least the east side of the Island, as a Reserve for the Big Bears.

As you doubtless know there are more species of Bears, and more Bear individuals, on Admiralty Island than in any other part of the known world; and so far as I am aware it is the only place where it would be possible to establish a Reserve for the Big Bears.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

M/H

March 12, 1932

Mr. L. M. Klauber  
Museum Zoological Society  
San Diego, California

My dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey has just shown me your important Herpetological Review of the Hope Snake Dance. It contains much matter of interest to me.

This leads me to ask if you have publications on reptiles of Southern California, Southern Nevada, or Western Arizona. If so, I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send them to me with bill for same.

It is good to know that at last a well qualified person is making a careful study of the reptiles of the Arid Southwest.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

M/H



March 14, 1932

Mr. John L. Blair, President  
New Process Company  
Warren, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Responding to your circular in regard to your new desk letter safe, I am enclosing herewith my check for \$6.95 in payment for same, and shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a receipt as it is necessary as an official subvoucher.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Dickey*

M/H

March 14, 1932

Mr. Donald R. Dickey  
Institute of Technology  
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Dickey:

Thank you for your acknowledgment of my address on "Roosevelt the Naturalist." From the extreme brevity of your note I infer that you do not agree with my point of view.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Dickey*

M/H



March 15, 1932

Mr. Paul G. Redington, Chief  
Biological Survey  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Redington:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and that of other members of the Biological Survey in sending complimentary tickets for your annual party to Mrs. Merriam and myself.

The date I see is March 29 at which time Mrs. Merriam and myself hope to be on our way to California, as it is highly desirable to reach Death Valley before the heat of April.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Redington and other members of the Survey.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

M/H

March 15, 1932

Leitz Co.  
60 East 10th Street  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

The Leica Camera which I sent you a few days ago through the office of your Washington agent (Mulgannon) has been returned to me, together with the Telephoto Elmar 135mm, Wide-angle Lens 35mm, and Universal View Finder, all apparently in good condition--though I have not yet had an opportunity to try them.

The Telephoto came naked, not enclosed in the cardboard cylinder which I was told it would be shipped in.

I trust that the focal-plane shutter was repaired, as it rarely returned to the set. For instance, if set at 30 it would often return to 40 or 60. I spoke to your Washington agent about this.

Your bill, amounting to \$121.81, will be paid direct by the Smithsonian Institution about the first of April.

I have not received your directions for the use of the camera and accessory lenses. Shall be glad to have your latest instructions.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

M/H



March 16, 1932

Editor Nature Magazine  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the matter of the non-receipt of Nature Magazine for the past month or two, I was informed by 'phone from your office that you had not received instructions as to change of address and that my membership subscription had lapsed.

Referring to my copy book I find that I wrote you on March 28, 1931, asking you to change the mailing address of Nature Magazine from Washington to Lagunitas, California, "returning to the old address, 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, with the October issue." In as much as this change of address was not made in your office and as a consequence your bill was sent to Lagunitas instead of my Washington address, I was not aware that the subscription was due.

I am returning to California about the end of this month for which reason it is not worthwhile to change the address from Lagunitas to Washington until next October.

For more than thirty years it has been my habit to go to California in the spring, returning to Washington usually in early October. This practice I expect to continue as long as I live.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartt Harrison*

M/H

My check for \$3.00 for renewal is enclosed.

March 16, 1932

Mr. Francis Harper  
206 Dickinson Avenue  
Swarthmore, Penn.

Dear Mr. Harper:

The expressman has just delivered to me an elaborate typewritten manuscript of several hundred pages entitled "A Report on Predatory Mammal Policies of the Biological Survey."

Just why this was sent to me I do not know, but under present pressure I would not read it for less than \$1,000 cash in advance. I am under great stress in attempting to get my work in shape so I can go to Death Valley the last of the month. Last year in April I found the temperature there far too high for a man of my age, although forty years ago I worked there up to nearly the first of July.

Judging from a hasty glance into this manuscript I see that it contains a large amount of valuable matter well worthy of publication, but believe it should be very much cut down.

While not acutely interested in this subject and unwilling to champion any particular point of view, I feel that both sides have erred in overstating the case. Exaggeration always weakens a cause and gives the opposition fuel for reply.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartt Harrison*

M/H

Original Defective



March 19, 1932

Capt. Paul A. Curtis  
578 Madison Avenue  
New York City

My dear Captain Curtis:

Thanks for your letter of the 8th instant in regard to your Grizzly skull from the Sheep Creek-Big Smoky Country. *Should have been the locality data.*

Unfortunately I forgot to ask if you made sure of the sex of this bear, the skull being immature it is a little difficult to make sure of the species, for it takes these big bears about eight years to assume the fully adult characters.

There is a big sexual difference in the teeth of the Grizzlies, the males having much the larger canines and molars. It happens therefore that these teeth in females of some of the large-toothed species agree rather closely with males of a smaller species. The difficulty of accurate determination is greatly increased in immature skulls in which the cranial characters have not attained their full value.

While I dislike to trouble you again I feel it necessary in order to ascertain if possible the sex of this bear.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*

M/H

March 19, 1932

Dr. Edward R. Warren  
1511 Wood Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Dr. Warren:

Referring to your letter of January 26 last in regard to a big bear skull from Lone Cone Mountain, Colorado, secured by Merritt Cary, would say that it was referred to me by the Biological Survey and I have today visited the museum and compared the skull with the type Ursus bairdi. It is very typical and in spite of its broken condition a valuable specimen.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*

M/H



March 21, 1932

Columbia Supply Company  
1424 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am handing you my Leica Camera (which is now empty) along with an exposed film and two empty spools.

I shall be glad if you will make contact prints from the exposed film and reload all three spool holders, placing one in the camera ready for operation, the other two in the cardboard case containing the two empties.

In reloading these, please use best Eastman Daylight Loading Film.

Kindly send bill by bearer--to be paid by check from Smithsonian at end of month.

Also: please make two prints each from the seven negatives in accompanying envelope.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

M/H

March 22, 1932

Mr. Claud Mills  
Fallon, Nevada

Dear Mr. Mills:

Thanks for your special delivery just received. I am very glad you will take me on my contemplated trip from Furnace Creek to various places to the north.

The exact date of reaching Death Valley is still uncertain as I do not yet know on which days the Tonopah and Tidewater Railroad runs north from Ludlow and Crucero--from one of which places I expect to take the train to Amargosa. It now looks as if I would arrive on or about April 8; but before or when I reach one of these places I will wire you. This will give me a couple of days to work again with the Death Valley Panamints before you come.

Hastily yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

M/H



March 23, 1932

Dear Talbot:

Your letter of the 16th instant from Hotel Fresno pleased me very much. I was glad to learn that you had again been able to put in a night at this comfortable hostlery which after a field trip we both have found mighty comfortable. But just what you were doing in such close companionship with that erudite man—so wise as to the operations of nature—I cannot figure out. Nevertheless I am willing to assume that you learned something of value during the trip.

The question you put to me as to the number of tribes in the North Fork country is easy enough to answer if you know what makes a 'tribe' and how much country you mean to take in. The tribe formerly owning and occupying the country from North Fork northerly to Mammoth Pass on the west side of San Joachin River, and thence westerly to Fine Gold Creek is a nameless branch of one of the largest of the Western Monache divisions of the Shoshonean stock. When I was there many years ago the old chief, Chico, told me that the name of their tribe is Nim or Nēum. A year or two ago old Mrs. Teaford, the most intelligent and best informed English speaking full-blood now living, told me the same. Some ethnologists object to this on the ground that the name means simply people, but inasmuch as a number of tribal names--Mewuk,

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Midco, Washoo, Wintoon, and others in current use mean exactly the same thing, what is the use of making a fuss about it? Most Indians respect their own people and are dead sure that they are superior to other tribes; therefore it seems natural enough that they should call themselves "The people," applying wholly different and not always complimentary names to neighboring tribes.

On the west the Nimabut against the Tallinche division or sub-tribe of the Chukchancy. <sup>(Yokut)</sup> On the south they meet several divisions of their close relatives of the Western Monache group, whose dialects are very similar to their own. Among these are the Yow-ne-kwa-tah, Koi-an-noo-tah, Kwetah, Pōgisha, Kokoheba, Holkoma, Toinchéba, and Toohookmutch. And in traveling southeast to Tehipite and south to Kaya River one passes through the domain of several other bands, all of which consider themselves 'tribes'. I have been inclined to regard them as bands notwithstanding the fact that their languages differ slightly.

Kroeber in a recent paper on Sacramento Valley Indians introduces a new term, TRIBLET, which strikes me not unfavorably.

It certainly is a regrettable misfortune that you are unable to make the D.V. trip with me. However, I have today heard from Claud Mills of Fallon: he will meet me with his car at Furnace Creek and take me wherever I want to go.

If able to get away from Washington by April 2 I should reach Death Valley on or very close to the 5th, and Grandma Merriam should be able to enjoy some pranks with Lee a day or two later.



March 23, 1932

Mr. Marius Barbeau  
National Museum  
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr. Barbeau:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a typed copy of your manuscript entitled "Grizzly Bears. Are They Man Eaters." I have read it with much interest and hope you will publish it, perhaps in one of the sportsmens magazines.

The question as to whether or not a Grizzly ever eats the man he has killed is one concerning which I have found very little positive evidence. The finding of human hair wedged in between a bear's teeth does not necessarily prove that the bear ate the man.

As we all know, plenty of men, both Indians and Whites, have been killed by Grizzlies, but thus far I have seen very few reliable accounts stating that the killed man was eaten.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*

*I found your article most interesting. You do a good job in getting these fellows to tell you their experience.*

M/H

March 23, 1932

Mr. Robert Sterling Yard  
2852 Ontario Road  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yard:

In the May 1917 Bulletin of American Game Protct. Assoc. you published an important note in regard to an unprovoked attack by a Grizzly upon a man in Yellowstone Park. Very few detailed reliable accounts of this kind have ever been published and your explanation of the attack by this dumps-feeding bear is most admirable.

One point however is not absolutely clear. You say of the man under the wagon, "The bear pulled him out, mauled him, and began to devour him." The point I am driving at is just this: what did he do when he began to devour him? Did he bite out chunks of the man and really begin to eat them? Reliable data on this subject are almost wholly lacking, so that your record becomes of unusual value; but it is eminently desirable to have a full statement of just what the bear did--in order to convince present day sportsmen that the bear actually intended to eat his victim.

With best wishes

Very truly yours

*C. Hartman*

M/H



Dr. Joseph Grinnell  
Museum Vertebrate Zoology  
Berkeley, California

March 24, 1932

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

You have been good enough during the past month or two to write me several letters, which steady pressure of work has prevented acknowledging. I am particularly glad to have the information you contribute as to the present status of Cervus nannodes.

Your appreciation of my revision of Perognathus, published forty-one years ago, is a reminder of something we both must realize; namely, that when a man revises a group the first time, bringing system out of chaos (even if from insufficient material) it naturally becomes easy for the next student of the group to add the results of his study of ampler material--in consequence of which the work of the first reviewer at once sinks into oblivion. I am sure we both have had this experience more than once.

Last night I read your interesting review of the new Check List and find myself in agreement with most of your points of view.

Thanks for the outlines you sent me concerning work of your various students. The sort of training you are giving by assigning students to special groups to work up from one point of view or another means of course important

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additions to our limited circle of Systematic Naturalists.

A trivial matter; but your continual use of the word ecology, as for instance in "Systematics and Ecology in the rodent genus Perognathus," gives me in spite of my age a distinct feeling of nausea. I am of the old school, as you need not be told, and my system rebels at the use of new-fangled terms, especially in cases where a few extra words make the matter plain to everybody.

I am starting for Death Valley in a few days and soon thereafter hope to arrive at Lagunitas where I hope to see you and yours some time during the season.

With best wishes

Very truly yours

M/H



March 24, 1932

Mr. E. Raymond Hall  
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Hall:

Thanks for your recent letter. In writing you awhile ago in regard to the manuscript you sent me, I had reference to the value of certain observations that seemed worthy of record. I kept no memoranda but remember that you said the Kit Foxes over certain large areas have been almost exterminated; and that you spoke of the seasonal variation in the food of Coyotes in relation to the breeding season. These and certain others struck me as well worthy of early publication.

In your last letter you state "ten persons have died as a result of eating Thallium at three widely separated points in California during the past two years." But you say nothing as to how and why they happened to eat this poison or what it was there for.

Very truly yours,

M/H

March 24, 1932

Mr. A. J. Van Rossem  
Institute of Technology  
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Van Rossem:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th instant. I am very glad to keep the prints of Sere Indians, and of course should be greatly pleased to have some of their baskets--the basketry of North American Indians having been a favorite study for very many years.

I am leaving for Death Valley in a few days and hope during the ensuing season to see Mr. Dickey and you in Pasadena.

Very truly yours,

M/H



March 24, 1932

Dr. Thomas S. Roberts  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Doctor Roberts:

It was good to hear from you after so long an interval, and particularly pleasing to note that you coincide with my point of view in regard to the tendencies of modern biologists.

You ask why I don't come to the A. O. U. meetings any more. The answer is a double one: (1), I am usually in the field in California at the time of the meetings; and (2), I am so old that the activities and arguments forming an inseparable part of these meetings are very fatiguing. For this latter reason I rarely attend scientific meetings even here in Washington.

Why don't you come to California for a little enjoyment of good air and good scenery? I'd like mightily to see you walking into my front door at Lagunitas.

As ever your friend of many years

*W. H. Mearns*

M/R

March 24, 1932

Miss Annie M. Alexander  
Suisun, California

Dear Miss Alexander:

Your letter of the 11th instant was very welcome. I am naturally pleased that you were pleased with my brief recital of the history of Systematic Zoology in this country, particularly with reference to the influence of Baird and the appreciation of Roosevelt.

One of the most potent factors in promoting the present recognition of the importance of Systematic Zoology has been your wisdom, generosity, and enthusiasm in founding the Museum of Comparative Zoology, which under the guidance of Joseph Grinnell has resulted in training a number of young men to become Systematic Naturalists.

Your extreme modesty has kept you well in the background; nevertheless many of us know what your financial backing and personal enthusiasm have done for Systematic Zoology in Western America.

In a few days I am returning to Death Valley to continue studies begun there forty-one years ago and continued last year.

With best wishes

Very truly yours

M/u



March 24, 1932

Dr. B. W. Evermann  
Academy of Sciences  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Evermann:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me your papers on Dr. Jordan. Until now I did not realize that you and he had been associated for so many years, each doubtless influencing the life and work of the other. I am glad to add these to my Jordan-Evermann files.

I hope to get off for Death Valley shortly and shall of course see you later on in your great museum.

With best wishes

As ever yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

M/H

March 24, 1932

Dr. Walter P. Taylor  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Dr. Taylor:

Thanks for your congratulatory letter on the matter of my Roosevelt address. I have had a number of such letters all of which do me good because they show that the spirit of the old time naturalist still persists.

With best wishes

Very truly yours

*C. Hart Merriam*

M/H



March 24, 1932

Mr. George W. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

On October 1 last you wrote me that you held for collection for my account \$1,000 note of J. W. and B. S. Barnes, and that, "Through the settlement of Mr. Barnes' estate, there was paid on account of the principal and credited to your account, \$46.02 on your \$1,000 note, leaving a balance of principal due December 24, 1931, \$953.98."

Apparently five months have elapsed since the death of one Mr. Barnes, but I have not been notified of the receipt of the principal or interest due to date. Have you any definite information as to when this is likely to be paid?

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Harrison*

M/H



March 25, 1932

Major R. Y. Stuart, Chief  
U. S. Forest Service  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Stuart:

Replying to your letter of March 22:

I am glad to have your views, even though I do not share them, on the subject of a proposed Bear Reserve on Admiralty Island.

You admit that "only one-third of the island has commercial timber and this is confined largely to the shore-line section." Then why object to setting aside for a Bear Reserve an area outside of the one you mention?

You state that you are considering the advisability of enlarging the Southeastern Alaska Game Sanctuary now consisting of the Glacier Bay National Monument so that it shall embrace additional lands from Glacier Bay to Lituya Bay and Cape Fairweather. This would be a very good thing, but I can't see that it has any bearing on the proposition under consideration.

In the first place, the bears of the mainland are very different species from those on Admiralty Island.

Two : The number of different species on Admiralty exceeds that of any other known area in any part of the world.

Three: And most important of all: the bear country of the mainland is, as you know, not only inaccessible so far as

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visitors are concerned, but is totally devoid of localities where visitors desirous of studying Big Bears in life can see them at close quarters and watch them while they are engaged in catching salmon.

In other words, Admiralty Island affords a unique opportunity for the study of Grizzly Bears at close range--the only locality in the world where one may be reasonably sure of seeing a number of Big Bears and observing them in the act of fishing.

In the mainland area you mention, and for that matter in all other parts of Alaska south of Alaska Peninsula, a hundred people might visit the coast every year for a hundred years without seeing a single bear. The proposition therefore to substitute the coast strip for Admiralty Island as a Bear Preserve fails utterly to accomplish the purpose in view, as you yourself must know.

In America, as in most other parts of the world except Africa, commercial interests have resulted in the destruction of so large a proportion of the big game animals that very few are seen by the traveler. So that, as already stated, Admiralty Island is the only place left where visitors may go with reasonable assurance of seeing the Big Bears at close quarters and watching them catch salmon. For this reason it is bound to draw visitors, both naturalists and the interested public--for, as doubtless you are aware--even the garbage-eating bears of Yellowstone are cited as the "drawing card" of that wonderful region.



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Is it not true that the value to Alaska, as well as to our people generally, of an Admiralty Island Bear Preserve would more than offset the commercial returns from the small areas in which these bears are so easily accessible?

Very truly yours

March 25, 1932

Mr. Frederick K. Vreeland  
90 West Street  
New York City

Date

H/M

Dear Mr. Vreeland:

In response to your request of the 10th instant I wrote Major Stuart on the subject of the proposed Admiralty Island Bear Preserve. He replied disfavoring the project. To this I have just replied and am enclosing a copy.

With best wishes

Very truly yours

March 25, 1932

Mr. John M. Holzworth  
51 Pine Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Holzworth:

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Copy sent to Secretary of War



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